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## Packing a PUNCH

USS Gabrielle Giffords fires 'sea-skimming' Naval Strike Missile in Indo-Pacific



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Sailors launched a Naval Strike Missile from the deck of the littoral combat ship USS Gabrielle Giffords on Tuesday, the first time such a weapon has been fired in the Indo-Pacific region, according to a Navy statement.

The precision strike weapon "can

find and destroy enemy ships at distances up to 100 nautical miles away," the statement said. It zips over the ocean "at sea-skimming altitude, has terrain-following capability and uses an advanced seeker for precise targeting in challenging conditions."

In footage of the launch released Wednesday, the missile ignites and flies from the ship. The video

shows the launch from three angles as a sailor barks orders in the background.

The launch came the same day China unveiled its supersonic Dongfeng-41 intercontinental ballistic missiles capable of carrying 10 nuclear warheads. The missiles appeared in a military parade in Beijing celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Chinese Communist

Party's rule. Dongfeng means "east wind" in Chinese.

At 9,400 miles, the Dongfeng 41's range is potentially the longest of any weapon in the world, the Center for Strategic and International Studies think tank in Washington, D.C. told the Associated Press in a Sunday report.

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**The littoral combat ship USS Gabrielle Giffords launches a Naval Strike Missile during exercise Pacific Griffin in the Philippine Sea on Tuesday.**

**KENNETH RODRIGUEZ**  
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## North Korea launches ballistic missile after announcing plans for new nuke talks

**By KIM GAMEL AND YOO KYONG CHANG**  
*Stars and Stripes*

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea fired a ballistic missile that appeared to have been launched from a submarine on Wednesday, South Korean officials said, hours after the communist state announced it has agreed to resume nuclear talks with the United States this weekend.

The missile flew about 280 miles from the waters off its eastern coast near the town of Wonsan and reached an altitude of 565 miles, South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said.

That would make it the highest apogee for a missile tested since the North fired an intercontinental ballistic missile toward Japan in November 2017 amid rising tensions over its nuclear weapons program.

The National Security Council in Seoul held an emergency meeting and said it "placed weight" on the likelihood that the North had "tested an SLBM" though South Korean and U.S. intelligence officials were still analyzing precise details.

The latest launch marked an escalation from the recent short-range, land-based missile tests that President Donald Trump has dismissed as small-scale and therefore

not a threat to diplomacy.

Experts say the communist state is likely trying to project strength ahead of new negotiations to wring concessions from Washington.

The weapons tests also show that the North has continued to develop its weapons programs as talks have stalled.

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# MILITARY

## Marines looking into new types of grenades

Stackable modules bring larger explosions with less fragmentation

By MARTIN EGNASH  
Stars and Stripes

Several new types of grenades, including one that can be stacked to create a larger explosion, have garnered interest from the Department of the Navy.

The Crane, Ind.-based Naval Surface Warfare Center issued a request for information about the modular grenades last month, along with several other early-stage procurement notices about several flash-bang grenade variants. The Marine Corps has also expressed interest in the stacking grenades.

The notices come as the military looks to expand its nonlethal weapons capabilities for a complex modern battlefield, where troops may encounter more low-intensity conflict scenarios or situations where civilians and enemy combatants are intermixed.

"Lethality is absolutely critical in the modern combat environment that we find ourselves in, but the world's most lethal, incredible force must also be able to compete in all the other phases of combat," Marine Col. Wendell B. Leimbach Jr. said earlier this year at the National Defense Industrial Association's Armament Systems Forum in Fredericksburg, Va., the association's magazine reported.

Leimbach, a tank and acquisition officer, is director of the Pentagon's joint nonlethal weapons directorate, based in Quantico, Va., which oversees the development of flash-bang devices and other weapons designed to stun, incapacitate or confuse, rather than kill.



ANGIE DEPUYER/U.S. Army

**The Scalable Offensive Hand Grenade allows users to configure blast effects by connecting up to three modules.**

Developed by Norwegian defense company Nammo, which designed the Marine Corps' M72 LAW single-shot rocket launcher, the stackable grenades have been dubbed the Mk 21 Mod 0.

They are designed for offensive use, giving a larger shock effect with less fragmentation to protect advancing friendly troops, a description on the company's website says.

"These are specifically designed for use in closed rooms, such as bunkers, buildings or semi-closed areas like trenches," the website states.

The grenades bear a slight resemblance to Legos, and like the building blocks can be coupled together.

"Modular offensive hand grenades give



TEAGAN FREDERICKS/U.S. Marine Corps

**A U.S. Marine with 11th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, throws an M67 hand grenade at the grenade range during a command-sponsored corporals course at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., in June. The Marines are looking into a new modular "offensive grenade" that lets you stack grenades.**

scalable shock effect and variety of use," the website says. "Each module can have its own fuse, and grenades can be used either separately or by attaching two to three modules together."

The Marine Corps currently uses "defensive" M67 fragmentation grenades as their standard. The M67 sends out hot steel shrapnel in a 15-yard casualty radius.

"Fragmentation hand grenades are meant for defensive use and give an extensive burst of fragments with a [360-degree] distribution," NAMMO said in a statement.

That makes them less than ideal for situations like room clearing, where any civilians present could be inadvertently killed or injured instead of just knocked out.

In addition to seeking more information on stackable grenades, the Naval Surface Warfare Center has in the past two weeks also issued notices that it is conducting market research on two types of flash-bang grenades, including a variant used to dis-

orient or daze, rather than kill or wound.

The requests all state that no funding has been approved for procurement, and the government has not committed to buying any of the grenades.

The center also notified industry last month that it plans to issue a request for proposals for a 5-year contract to produce thousands of 9-bang flash-bang grenades for up to \$16 million.

In August, Leimbach wrote in the Marine Corps Gazette that while he spent the majority of his career "enhancing the lethality of the Corps," he has come to understand the importance of nonlethal weapons, such as flash-bangs, for giving troops space or time to determine hostile intent in a complicated combat environment.

"Wherever Marines are deployed, 21st century operational environments will require the use of [nonlethal weapons]," he wrote in August.

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## MILITARY

# USAF graduates 745-officer 'Godzilla class'

By JAMES BOLINGER  
Stars and Stripes

The largest class in the history of the Air Force Officer Training School — 745 newly commissioned officers — recently pinned on their rank insignia at graduation ceremonies in Montgomery, Ala.

Class No. 19-07 — a group so large that course instructors and leaders referred to it as the “Godzilla class” — started with 800 students, twice the usual number, which required the school to run two training squadrons concurrently. The usual attrition trimmed the class to 745.

Of those who graduated on Friday, 116 attended a shortened five-week course for specialized career fields for qualified, degree-holding candidates like physicians, lawyers and chaplains.

Col. Peter Bailey, the school commandant, said the class size was increased to meet Air Force demands for new officers. OTS is an initial training program for commissioned officers drawn from the enlisted ranks or the civilian world. It's held at Air University at Maxwell Air Force Base.

“Because of shortfalls in the number of commissioned officers from [the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps] and the Air Force Academy this year, we worked the Air Force manpower directorate and Air Force Recruiting Service to make this happen,” Bailey told Stars and Stripes in an email Friday.

The school made few changes in its day-to-day class routine despite the large number of students, said Capt. Kaitlin Daddona, an instructor and the assistant director of operations for training, in a telephone interview Friday before graduation.



QUAY DRAWHY/U.S. Air Force

Newly minted officers from Air Force Officer Training School march at their graduation ceremony in Montgomery, Ala., on Friday. Col. Peter Bailey, school commandant, said the class size was increased to meet Air Force demands for new officers.

The biggest challenge was sharing resources and locations, she said. The instructors also had only one week to prepare for this class instead of the usual two.

“We did all the prep in half the time. It was hard work organizing schedules, planning shared spaces, even making sure that this many students at [physical training] have a place to go,” Daddona said. “That is just a testament to what we do. The hard work the leadership does, that the instructors do to produce really awesome second

lieutenants.”

Most of Friday's graduates were prior enlisted; the remainder had no military experience, according to a statement from the school's public affairs office.

Second Lt. DeJaye Herrera, who previously served 12 years as an enlisted airman, is headed to Travis Air Force Base, Calif., as an aircraft maintenance officer. She said the larger class came with a more diverse student body, which contributed to the learning environment.

“There were so many people from different backgrounds and different walks of life,” she said. “So much more than a smaller class would bring.”

Herrera, in a telephone interview Friday, said the hardest part of training was being away from her daughter, but a highlight was the traditional “dining in” to celebrate graduation.

Dining in is a formal dinner that only military personnel may attend. Participants wear formal dress uniforms and typically make formal after-dinner toasts.

The event brought together the instructors, the school leadership and all the graduating students, Daddona said.

“It gave me chills,” she said.

Students from each squadron joined together to sing the national anthem and shared stories about how each squadron's leaders have different styles and ideas, Daddona said.

Air Force OTS graduates approximately 3,300 officer per year across eight classes. The school accounts for about 54% of new Air Force officers annually and is the fastest route to a commission in the service.

OTS churns out a new crop of second lieutenants every two months, about the same amount of time enlisted recruits spend at basic training.

Of this class, 287 new officers are headed to aviation-related career fields. Another 287 are headed for jobs in engineering, operations research, intelligence, logistics, maintenance, cyber and space. The remaining 171 graduates are entering professions in the law, medicine or the chaplain corps.

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## 2 airmen killed in Germany crash ID'd

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KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — The airmen killed in a fiery car crash on Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, were identified Wednesday as Bradley Reese Haile, 19, and Jacob Blackburn, 20.

They were airmen first class assigned to the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron, base officials said. Both died on the scene Monday morning when the car they were in left the road, near the base's passenger terminal, and hit a stationary object before bursting into flames.

“It is with a heavy heart that we must share with you the passing of two of our airmen,” Col. David Epperson, 52nd Fighter Wing commandant, said in a statement Wednesday. “As we pay tribute to our fallen brethren, know that they were valuable and highly respected members of our team. Spangdahlem would like to extend our sincerest heartfelt condolences to the friends and families af-



VALERIE SEELEY/U.S. Air Force

A makeshift memorial on Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, pays tribute to the two airmen killed Monday in a car crash on base. Airmen 1st Class Bradley Reese Haile, 19, and Jacob Blackburn, 21, were members of the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron's “Dirt Boyz,” a nickname given to airmen working in equipment and pavement shops.

affected by this tragedy.”

A third airman who was injured in the accident was airlifted to a German hospital in Klobenz, where he is in good condition, according to a base statement

Wednesday.

Haile is survived by his father, Bradley Haile; mother, Stephanie Brown; and sister, Presley Haile. Blackburn is survived by his father, Jerry Blackburn, and

mother, Jennie.

The cause of the accident is under investigation, base officials said.

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## Sheriff denies reservist fired over duties

Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. — The U.S. Justice Department says in a lawsuit that a Mississippi sheriff fired an employee because he had to be gone on military duty for extended periods.

However, Coahoma County Sheriff Charles Jones said Tuesday the employee was fired for “insubordination,” not for taking military leave.

The department filed a civil lawsuit Monday against Coahoma County on behalf of Jason M. Sims Jr. of Batesville. The suit says Sims has served in the military 18 years, is in the Army Reserve and teaches leadership classes at Fort Knox, Ky.

The suit says Sims started working for the Sheriff's Department in 2014. It says the sheriff's office “demonstrated hostility” during a work evaluation given in 2016.

The suit says Sims was fired in August 2018. It demands that he be rehired and paid lost wages.

Jones said the sheriff's department is “definitely fighting” the lawsuit, which was filed in U.S. District Court in Greenville. Jones said Sims violated work policies, but said he couldn't discuss specifics.



## PACIFIC

# S. Korea suspends tours of border truce village

By KIM GAMEI AND YOO KYONG CHANG  
*Stars and Stripes*

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea has suspended tours of the border truce village of Panmunjom and the recently opened hiking trails in the area as part of measures to prevent the spread of African swine fever, officials said Wednesday.

South Korea has confirmed 11 cases of the disease, including two on Wednesday, all near the border with North Korea. The virus does not sicken people but is highly contagious and deadly for pigs and has vast economic ramifications.

Gen. Robert Abrams, head of United Nations Command and U.S. Forces Korea, ordered the temporary suspension of visits and tours to Panmunjom, which is also known as the Joint Security Area, effective Tuesday, for an unspecified time, according to a UNC press release.

The decision was made upon request from South Korea "to support the containment of the African swine fever that has been detected in the northern areas of Gyeonggi province," it said, adding that U.N. Command education and orientation program sites also have been closed.

"UNC coordinated this temporary suspension closely with the Ministry of National Defense and the Ministry of Unification, and remains committed to supporting [South Korean] government efforts at preventing any further spread of swine fever in the country," it said.

Hiking trails that opened elsewhere in the so-called Demilitarized Zone earlier this year as part of peace efforts with the North also have been temporarily closed as part of the quarantine efforts, the unification ministry said. The government promised to try to resume the tours as soon as possible.

South Korea has killed tens of thousands of pigs, increased disinfection measures and temporarily banned the transport of hogs and related livestock since its first outbreak was detected on Sept. 17 at a farm near the heavily fortified border that has divided the peninsula since the 1950-53 Korean War.

North Korea reported an outbreak near its border with China in May.

Tours to the JSA, which is in the heart of the DMZ and includes the iconic blue building where the armistice that ended the war was signed, are popular and receive hundreds of visitors each week.

Panmunjom, the only point in which soldiers from both sides come face to face, also was the site of the first inter-Korean summit last year as well as an impromptu meeting between President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un on June 30.

The closure of the area comes as the United States and North Korea have announced plans to resume working-level negotiations over the North's nuclear weapons program this weekend. Officials have not announced the location of those talks.

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A group waits to tour a walking bridge on the South Korean side of the Joint Security Area at the border with North Korea in May.



Quarantine officials arrive to slaughter pigs at a farm with a confirmed African swine fever in Paju, South Korea, on Wednesday.  
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# PACIFIC

# Vet finds calling as US rugby team manager

By SETH ROBSON  
Stars and Stripes

Civilian life after a military career can be a challenge.

It wasn't easy for Oscar Alvarez, who went through four jobs before finding his calling as a manager with the U.S. Eagles national rugby team.

Alvarez, 41, of New Braunfels, Texas, and the team are in Japan this month for the Rugby World Cup, which has seen crowds of foreigners and locals alike pack stadiums all over the country.

The trip is a nostalgic one for the former enlisted aviation ordnance Marine and logistics officer who served at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni near Hiroshima for 18 months and trained on the Japanese island of Okinawa.

Alvarez joined up in 1999 and was part of the invasion of Iraq in 2003 as a member of the Camp Pendleton, Calif.-based Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 39.

He spent 9½ months in the war zone, earned his commission and worked in logistics before leaving the service in 2014. But civilian life wasn't all plain sailing, he said.

"Some veterans transition easily into civilian life, but some don't," he said. "I went through four jobs [after leaving the military]. I wasn't happy. Nothing fulfilled me."

Alvarez' path to a job in rugby began while he was still in uniform. He started playing the sport at Marine Corps Air Sta-



Oscar Alvarez

**Marine Corps veteran Oscar Alvarez serves as a manager for the U.S. Eagles national rugby team, which has been competing in the Rugby World Cup in Japan.**

tion Cherry Point, N.C., as a back on the base team.

He worked as a liaison to the Argentinian national seven-a-side team, helping link their staff with organizers at the Las Vegas Sevens tournament. Then he did the same job for the U.S. national sevens team before joining the Eagles' staff.

Alvarez is also the manager of Major League Rugby's San Diego Legion, where

**'I'm taking care of a bunch of guys, making sure they are getting fed and dealing with personal problems just as I would have done in the Marine Corps.'**

Oscar Alvarez  
U.S. Eagles rugby team manager

his background in military logistics comes in handy.

"It's a great job for a veteran," he said. "I have to get guys from A to B and make sure the players have everything they need."

Being a manager filled everything that was missing in his life after the military, Alvarez said.

"I'm taking care of a bunch of guys, making sure they are getting fed and dealing with personal problems just as I would have done in the Marine Corps," he said.

The Eagles were based in the city of Yomitan on Okinawa ahead of the World Cup. Members of the Yomitan Beach Boys, a team made up of Marines, soldiers, sailors and airmen stationed on Okinawa, attended a welcome ceremony for the Eagles.

James Deak, a retired Army officer who coaches the Beach Boys, said military players, including female members of Okinawa's Wahine team, are excited about the tournament.

Deak traveled to Yokohama to watch the New Zealand All Blacks play South Africa's Springboks last month and plans a trip with 10 other military rugbys to watch the

Eagles play Tonga in Osaka on Oct. 13.

Some of the Eagles players visited Torii Station, home of the Army's 1st Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group in Yomitan, and a group of Okinawa-based troops watched the team train, Alvarez said.

The Eagles had tough losses to heavyweights England and France in their first two games but they're expected to do better against Tonga and challenge Argentina in their pool match in Saitama on Oct. 9.

Alvarez' advice to troops who have never watched rugby is to give it a go.

"Almost all Americans love contact sport. If my brother-in-law, who is a die-hard Minnesota Vikings football fan, can start liking rugby, anybody can," he said.

Rugby appeals to servicemen, he said.

"If [troops stationed in Japan] are in any area where they can make their way to a game, they should do it," he said. "The stadiums are always full; the crowds are amazing, and this only happens every four years."

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## MILITARY

# Missile: Weapon's launch is first in Indo-Pacific region

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From that distance, China could strike the U.S. mainland in about 30 minutes, according to the AP.

The Navy Strike Missile launch was part of exercise Pacific Griffin near Guam with the Singaporean navy. It marked the second time such a missile was launched, but the first time it was fired in the Indo-Pacific region, according to the Navy.

The Navy in its statement said the weapon boosts "survivability against high-end threats."

In a 2014 demonstration, the littoral combat ship USS Coronado fired the weapon off the coast of Southern California, "scoring a direct hit on its intended target, a Mobile Ship Target," said a Navy statement from September 2014.

The Navy awarded American defense contractor Raytheon a contract in 2018 to "manufacture and deliver" the weapons system, developed around the missile designed by Norwegian firm Kongsberg Defence & Aerospace, according to the Raytheon and Kongsberg websites.

The \$14.8 million contract purchased a first round of missiles for littoral combat ships, according to U.S. Naval Institute News in May 2018. The contract value



The Dong Feng 41, seen during a parade for the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China in Beijing on Tuesday, is an intercontinental ballistic missile with a range of 9,300 miles that could reach the United States in 30 minutes.

could grow to \$847.6 million with further options, USNI reported.

China was listed as a "strategic competitor" in the 2018 U.S. National Defense Strategy, and tensions with the country have heightened as China boosts its military presence in the South China Sea.

Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Mike Gilday told Stars and Stripes last month he



KENNETH RODRIGUEZ SANTIAGO/U.S. Navy

The littoral combat ship USS Gabrielle Giffords launches a Naval Strike Missile during exercise Pacific Griffin in the Philippine Sea on Tuesday.

aims to focus on new technologies and on competing with China during his tenure.

"I am interested with a sense of urgency in closing gaps that we have to either keep us in a position of advantage against the Chinese or to close gaps quickly where we can in order to put ourselves in a better position against them," he said.

He did not elaborate on the nature of those gaps.

The Gabrielle Giffords is on its first deployment and made history when it joined the LCS USS Montgomery in the 7th Fleet

on Sept. 16, according to the Navy statement. It is the first time two such ships have been deployed to the Indo-Pacific at the same time.

"LCS packs a punch and gives potential adversaries another reason to stay awake at night," said Rear Adm. Joey Tynch, commander of Logistics Group Western Pacific. "We are stronger when we sail together with our friends and partners and LCS is an important addition to the lineup."

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## Launch: S. Korea concerned about missile firing ahead of nuclear talks

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Japan initially said there had been two missiles but later clarified that only one had been launched and likely broke into two pieces that crashed into the sea, according to the Kyodo news agency.

Officials said the missile followed a "lofted trajectory," suggesting it was launched at an angle to reach a high altitude without threatening populated areas.

"The launch of this type of ballistic missile is a violation of United Nations resolution," Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe told reporters in Tokyo. "Japan strongly protests and condemns the action."

South Korea "expressed strong concern about Pyongyang's action" ahead of the resumption of talks and agreed to maintain efforts to keep the diplomatic

process on track, according to a national security council statement.

Military officials said the North appeared to have fired a type of Pukguksong missile, a solid-fuel missile that was last fired from the sea in August 2016.

North Korea's nuclear submarine program is considered especially dangerous because submersible weapons are harder to detect in advance and have a broader range.

In July, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un inspected a new submarine that South Korean officials said had three missile-launch tubes.

The North said Tuesday that it has agreed with the United States to resume nuclear negotiations this weekend, seven months after diplomatic efforts broke down after a failed summit between Trump and Kim in Vietnam.

The State Department confirmed talks would be held but the location and other details were not released.

Wednesday's launch also occurred a day after South Korea showed off newly acquired F-35 stealth fighter jets to mark its Armed Forces Day.

The North has frequently denounced Seoul's plans to purchase the war planes, saying they violate the spirit of an agreement to ease military tensions reached during a series of inter-Korean summits last year.

Trump and Kim agreed to restart talks during an impromptu June 30 meeting on the Korean border.

However, the North responded instead with several missile tests since May and angry rhetoric after the United States and South Korea conducted a joint military exercise.

Senior diplomat Choe Son Hui said Tuesday that North Korea delegates "are ready to enter" into working-level negotiations.

The two countries agreed to have preliminary contact on Friday and to hold working-level talks on Saturday, she said in a statement carried by the state-run Korean Central News Agency.

It's unclear how the latest missile launch will affect the talks.

Trump has played down the previous launches this year, saying they didn't violate Kim's promise to suspend long-range missile and nuclear tests, but he said he would like them to stop and suggested the resumption of longer-range missile launches may tip the scales.

Meanwhile, neither side has given any public indication of progress toward narrowing the gap in views about how to achieve their professed goal of the de-

nuclearization of the Korean Peninsula.

The February summit in Vietnam broke down due to sharp differences over how much reward including sanctions relief should be given to North Korea for steps toward denuclearization.

However, the North has praised Trump's suggestion made last month that Washington may pursue an unspecified "new method" in the negotiations.

North Korea's ambassador to the United Nations, Kim Song, blamed Washington for the deadlock in his speech Monday at the U.N. General Assembly.

"It depends on the U.S. whether the DPRK-U.S. negotiations will become a window of opportunity or an occasion that will hasten the crisis," the ambassador said.

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## Aviano schools, medical services affected by power outage again

By NORMAN LLAMAS

Stars and Stripes

AVIANO AIR BASE, Italy — A second power outage in just two weeks forced schools on Aviano Air Base to close and caused some medical services to be canceled for part of Wednesday.

Power was restored at about 10 a.m., nearly four hours after it went out, but all classes were cancelled at the base's schools and children were sent home at 9 a.m. At the 31st Medical Group clinic, sick call, dental and optometry

services were unavailable and some other services were limited. Most, however, were available throughout the outage.

"Civil engineers were on hand when the outage happened and worked quickly to disseminate word of the outage," said Capt. Sarah D. A. Babcock, spokeswoman for the base's 31st Fighter Wing. "Backup generators were used at the medical clinic to keep things running until power was restored."

The outage also closed all of the support squadron's base ser-

vices in the area, including the community center, bowling center, library, youth programs and education office. The base's Community Bank was also closed. All services resumed later in the day.

Many students had already been picked up from home by buses and taken to school. Some parents said bus drivers were aware of the outage and had told them they would likely be bringing the children home again soon.

"Why wouldn't you just delay school for a few hours in the hope that the issue is repaired?" wrote

Stephanie Dominique, a parent of a student at Aviano Elementary school, in a comment on the base's Facebook page. "If the problem isn't fixed, then cancel school. It is absolutely unnecessary to have children (such as ours) be on the bus for upwards of three hours."

Wednesday's incident came just over two weeks after a 15-hour power outage on Aviano forced schools to close early and threatened to keep them shut the following day. The Sept. 17 outage was caused by a demolition crew cutting through a power line while

working on an area of the base that was shuttered in 2016.

A temporary repair was made to the power line two weeks ago, but base officials said a permanent solution would require another outage, which would be scheduled in advance to avoid disruptions to the base community.

Officials don't yet know what caused the latest power cut, Babcock said.

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# MILITARY

## ‘Blue Ribbon’ for achievement awarded to 3 DODEA schools

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KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — Three Department of Defense Education Activity schools, including two in Europe, have been ranked among the highest-performing U.S. schools, DODEA announced this week.

Vicenza High School in Italy, AFNorth Middle/High School in the Netherlands, and Maxwell AFB Base Elementary/Middle School in Alabama were awarded the Department of Education's National Blue Ribbon for 2019 in recognition of their high academic standards, DODEA said in a statement released Tuesday.

The prestigious Blue Ribbon is awarded to schools with outstanding overall academic performance or notable progress in closing achievement gaps among students.

Out of the more than 132,000 public and private schools in the U.S., all of which are potentially eligible for the designation, 362 were recognized this year.

"I am extremely proud of the students, educators and staff at all three schools for earning National Blue Ribbon recognition," DODEA Director Thomas M. Brady said. "Their achievements reflect our unwavering commitment to excellence in education for the military-connected families we serve."

To be recognized as high performers, Blue Ribbon schools must do well in reading and mathematics assessments and have a high graduation rate.

Both Vicenza and AFNorth had a graduation rate of 100 percent in the 2017-18 school year, information from DODEA shows.

More than 60 percent of the 48 students who took Advanced Placement courses at AFNorth in 2018 scored a three or higher on the exam.

"This percentage is higher than DODEA or global averages!" the application said.

Many American colleges give students credit for AP scores of three and above.

AFNorth also touted its distinct location in Europe and the excursions it offers students as learning tools, to World War II battle sites and memorials, among other places, its application says.

Vicenza highlighted on its application the academic support it offers students. The school's Student Support Team monitors grades, behavior and attendance on a weekly basis to flag at-risk students.

For younger students, a team of teachers developed what they called the Freshman Academy to help students transition from middle school, according to the school's application. The team meets weekly to discuss the needs of students and grade-level

events, according to the school.

Maxwell AFB Elementary/Middle School has "provided superior education for pre-kindergarten through fifth grade children of United States military personnel living on Maxwell Air Force Base" since it was founded in 1963, DODEA said. Sixth through eighth grade classes were added in 2011.

Representatives from this year's crop of Blue Ribbon schools will be honored at an awards ceremony in Washington next month.

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Vicenza High School

**Vicenza High School in Vicenza, Italy, was one of three Department of Defense Education Activity schools to be named National Blue Ribbon schools, DODEA announced this week.**

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## Turkey signals incursion into Syria could be near

Bloomberg

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan expressed his readiness to act alone in northeast Syria and retake areas from American-backed Kurdish forces, saying that efforts to defuse the threat they pose to Turkey have failed.

"We may suddenly arrive one night," Erdogan told reporters after a speech to parliament in Ankara on Tuesday, referring to a possible cross-border offensive in northeast Syria. "We have tried every means, with great patience, to solve this problem together with our allies."

Erdogan spoke a day after Turkey vowed to take further steps to protect its national security and create a buffer zone inside Syria by pushing back Kurdish militia to enable the return of Syrian refugees. Turkey suspects the U.S. backs Kurdish aspirations for self-rule in Syria and is getting ready to use its military to prevent an attempt to redraw the region's map.

Turkey wants to act quickly before winter sets in and makes it difficult for tanks to operate, which leaves little room for a last-minute settlement with the U.S. Turkey's president has repeat-

edly called on the U.S. to act together in expanding a previously negotiated security zone in Syria — designed to be off-limits to American-backed Kurdish YPG forces — while threatening an incursion if he doesn't get his way by the end of last month.

The latest remarks on Tuesday threaten to inflame lingering tensions with Washington, which has warned against a unilateral operation against the Kurdish group, regarded by Turkey as a threat to its territorial integrity.

"We have no other choice left but to tread our own path," Erdogan said. "Turkey is not going to leave its security to powers with their own agenda in the region."

Erdogan said Turkey aims to create a buffer zone as deep as 19 miles — running from the Syrian town of Manbij on the west bank of the Euphrates River to the Iraqi border in the east — in order to accommodate as many as 2 million Syrian refugees in houses that will be built by donations from the international community once the area is cleared from YPG forces.



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## NATION

# Democrats accuse Trump of inciting violence

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WASHINGTON — Accusing President Donald Trump of “an incitement to violence,” House Democratic leaders bluntly warned Trump and his administration Wednesday not to intimidate potential witnesses in their impeachment inquiry. They said they were readying a subpoena demanding documents related to the president’s dealings with Ukraine.

Meanwhile, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo acknowledged Wednesday he was on the phone call between Trump and Zelenskyy that is at the center of the impeachment inquiry. He also continued to push back against what he said was Democrats’ “bullying and intimidation.”

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Trump may not “recognize how dangerous his statements are” against a whistleblower who exposed a July phone call that Trump had with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. On the call, Trump pressed for an investigation of Democratic political rival Joe Biden and his family.

House intelligence committee Chairman Adam Schiff, accusing Trump of inviting violence against the whistleblower, said any effort to interfere with the Democrats’ investigations would be considered an act of obstruction and could be included in articles of impeachment.

“We’re not fooling around here,” he said.

Trump showed no signs of letting up, tweeting a vulgarism during the House leaders’ news conference and saying “the Do Nothing Democrats should be focused on building up our Country.” Throwing criticism broadly, he assailed Schiff as a “low-life” and said Pelosi’s San Francisco has turned into a “tent city” of homeless.



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**Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and House Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff, D-Calif., warned President Donald Trump against “an incitement to violence” or intimidation of witnesses at a news conference Wednesday.**

Trump has tweeted in recent days that he wants to “find out about” the whistleblower and question him or her, though the person’s identity is protected by the Whistleblower Protection Act.

The Democrats said they will subpoena the White House on Friday for documents related to Trump’s dealings with Ukraine, citing “flagrant disregard” of their previous requests for information. House Oversight and Reform Chairman Elijah Cummings wrote in a memo to committee members Wednesday that the action is necessary because the White House has ignored multiple requests.

Given the “stark and urgent warnings” the inspector general for the intelligence community has delivered to Congress, Cummings said, the panel has “no choice but to issue this subpoena.”

The subpoena will be directed toward acting chief of staff Mick Mulvaney and request 13 separate batches of documents related to the July call and other related matters. The call unfolded against the backdrop of a \$250 million

foreign aid package for Ukraine that was being readied by Congress but stalled by Trump.

White House Press Secretary Stephanie Grisham said the subpoena is “nothing but more document requests, wasted time and taxpayer dollars that will ultimately show the president did nothing wrong.”

The subpoena announcement came as House and Senate staff prepared to meet with the State Department’s inspector general Wednesday afternoon. A State Department invitation, reviewed by The Associated Press, requested an “urgent” meeting with staff from eight House and Senate panels.

The invitation said the inspector general, Steve Linick, “would like to discuss and provide staff with copies of documents related to the State Department and Ukraine.” The documents were obtained from the State Department’s acting legal adviser, according to the email.

Democrats have scheduled closed-door depositions Thursday with former special envoy to Ukraine Kurt Volker and next

week with ousted U.S. Ambassador Marie Yovanovitch and three other State Department officials. Pompeo told the committees on Tuesday that the dates they had set were “not feasible,” but at least some of the officials are still coming.

The Democrats said that Pompeo’s resistance amounted to his own intimidation.

“Any effort to intimidate witnesses or prevent them from talking with Congress — including State Department employees — is illegal and will constitute evidence of obstruction of the impeachment inquiry,” said Schiff, Cummings and House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Eliot Engel in a Tuesday notice to Pompeo.

They said that if he was on Trump’s call, “Secretary Pompeo is now a fact witness in the House impeachment inquiry.” And they warned, “He should immediately cease intimidating department witnesses in order to protect himself and the president.”

Democrats often note that obstruction was one of the impeachment articles against Richard

Nixon, who resigned the presidency in 1974 in the face of almost certain impeachment.

The committees are seeking voluntary testimony from the current and former officials as the House digs into State Department actions and Trump’s other calls with foreign leaders that have been shielded from scrutiny. They have also subpoenaed Pompeo for documents.

Volker played a direct role in trying to arrange meetings between Rudy Giuliani, who is Trump’s personal lawyer, and Zelenskyy, the chairman said. The State Department said that Volker has confirmed that he put a Zelenskyy adviser in contact with Giuliani, at the Ukrainian adviser’s request.

The former envoy, who has since resigned his position and so is not necessarily bound by Pompeo’s directions, is eager to appear as scheduled on Thursday, said one person familiar with the situation, but unauthorized to discuss it and granted anonymity. The career professional believes he acted appropriately and wants to tell his side of the situation, the person said.

Yovanovitch, the career diplomat whose abrupt recall from Ukraine earlier this year raised questions, is set to appear next week. The Democrats also want to hear from T. Ulrich Brechbuhl, a counselor at the State Department, who also listened in on the Trump-Zelenskyy call, they said.

A whistleblower alleged in an August letter to the inspector general for the intelligence community, Michael Atkinson, that the White House tried to “lock down” Trump’s July 25 phone call with the new Ukrainian president because it was worried about the contents being leaked to the public. The complaint was eventually made public after acting Director of Intelligence Joseph Maguire withheld it from Congress for several weeks.

## Officials: US OKs anti-tank missiles sale to Ukraine

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress and the State Department have given initial approval to a \$39 million sale of anti-tank missiles to Ukraine to help the country battle Russia-backed separatists, officials said Tuesday.

Congressional aides said final approval of the sale of the Javelin missiles is expected to be announced soon after both Republicans and Democrats signed off on the proposal. The aides spoke on condition of anonymity because the sale is not final.

It was first reported Tuesday by Bloomberg News. The State Department declined to

comment.

Ukraine requested the missiles earlier this year. It is not part of the aid that was delayed by President Donald Trump after he asked Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to “look into” the Bidens in a July 25 phone call that is now at the center of an impeachment inquiry.

The Javelin missile is manufactured by a joint venture of Lockheed Martin, based in North Bethesda, Md., and Raytheon Co., headquartered in Waltham, Mass.

The U.S. has been providing military aid to Ukraine since Russia invaded following the ouster of a Kremlin-backed president in 2014.

## Ex-Ukraine president, Giuliani discussed investigations in 2017

Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Ukraine’s former president said Wednesday he discussed investments with President Donald Trump’s attorney, Rudy Giuliani, in 2017, but that he never discussed Ukrainian companies with any U.S. official.

Like many Ukrainians, former President Petro Poroshenko is trying to distance himself from the U.S. impeachment inquiry into Trump, triggered by a phone call between the American leader and Poroshenko’s successor, Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

“We definitely do not want to be involved in the political process inside the United States,” Porosh-

enko, now a member of parliament, told reporters.

Poroshenko said he met Giuliani in 2017 as a “friend of Ukraine” and they discussed

“political support and investment” but nothing else. He wouldn’t elaborate.

“We never ever spoke about commercial

companies” with Trump, former President Barack Obama, current Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden, or “any U.S.

officials,” said Poroshenko, who led Ukraine from 2014 to 2019.

Giuliani wants Ukraine to investigate Biden, whose son Hunter served on the board of the Ukrainian gas company Burisma. Trump asked Zelenskyy to “look into” the Bidens in a July 25 phone call that is now at the center of an impeachment inquiry.

In his first public comments on the phone call, Russian President Vladimir Putin said Trump’s critics are using “every excuse to attack” the U.S. president. Putin made his remarks at a conference in Moscow.

Poroshenko said he was not aware that Giuliani had met with then-Ukrainian prosecutor Yuriy Lutsenko.



Poroshenko

## NATION

# Georgia abortion law temporarily blocked

By KATE BRUMBACK  
Associated Press

ATLANTA — A federal judge on Tuesday temporarily blocked Georgia's restrictive new abortion law from taking effect, following the lead of other judges who have blocked similar measures in other states.

The law signed in May by Republican Gov. Brian Kemp bans abortions once a "detectable human heartbeat" is present, with some limited exceptions. Cardiac activity can be detected by ultrasound as early as six weeks into a pregnancy, before many women realize they're expecting, according to a legal challenge.

The law had been scheduled to become enforceable on Jan. 1.

Lawyers with the American Civil Liberties Union, Planned Parenthood and the Center for Reproductive Rights in June filed a constitutional challenge to the law on behalf of Georgia abortion providers and an advocacy group.

U.S. District Judge Steve Jones wrote in an order Tuesday that the current laws governing abortion in the state shall remain in effect for the time being. Based on current U.S. Supreme Court precedent, he wrote, the challenge to the new law is likely to succeed.

Kemp spokeswoman Candice Broce said in an email that the governor's office is reviewing the decision.

"Despite today's outcome, we remain confident in our position," she wrote. "We

will continue to fight for the unborn and work to ensure that all Georgians have the opportunity to live, grow, and prosper."

"Today is a tremendous victory for the women of Georgia and for the Constitution," ACLU of Georgia legal director Sean Young said. "Politicians have no business telling women or couples when to start or expand a family. This case has always been about one thing: Letting her decide."

The law defines a "detectable human heartbeat" as "embryonic or fetal cardiac activity or the steady and repetitive rhythmic contraction of the heart within the gestational sac." Referring to a document from the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the legal challenge says that "cells that eventually form

the basis for development of the heart later in pregnancy" produce "cardiac activity" that can be detected by ultrasound as early as six weeks into a pregnancy.

The law makes exceptions in the case of rape and incest, as long as the woman files a police report first. It also allows for abortions after cardiac activity is detected when the life of the woman is at risk or when a fetus is determined not to be viable because of a serious medical condition.

Additionally, it declares an embryo or fetus a "natural person" once cardiac activity can be detected, saying that is the point where "the full value of a child begins." That would make the fetus a dependent minor for tax purposes and trigger child support obligations.

## Trump and Pelosi aides talk drug costs

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Even as the impeachment battle rumbled, senior White House and Democratic aides set down Tuesday to discuss details of drug pricing legislation, officials on both sides said.

Passing a law to curb prescription drug prices remains a top policy priority for President Donald Trump and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, despite her decision to launch an impeachment inquiry into the president's efforts to get a foreign leader to investigate political rival Joe Biden.

Both sides stressed they were not negotiating during Tuesday's meeting at the White House, but instead were exchanging information and asking questions. Joe Grogan, a top domestic policy adviser to Trump, called it "a very cordial and productive working session."

Even in the best of times, a prescription drug bill would be a heavy lift for a divided Congress and the Trump White House. But the talks showed there's movement, even if the end result remains highly uncertain.

Pelosi spokeswoman Henry Connolly said her top staff provided a briefing on how the California Democrat's recently introduced drug pricing legislation would work. The bill would authorize Medicare to negotiate prices, require drugmakers to pay rebates if they raise prices more than the inflation rate, and limit seniors' copays for medicines to \$2,000 a year.

Other Democratic leadership aides and top committee staffers also attended the session.

In addition to Grogan and other White House aides, the administration was represented by budget office staff as well as the Department of Health and Human Services.



FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP

Former U.S. Rep. Chris Collins leaves federal court Tuesday in New York. Collins pleaded guilty Tuesday in an insider trading case, a day after he resigned from Congress.

## Former Rep. Chris Collins pleads guilty in insider trading case

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Former Rep. Chris Collins pleaded guilty Tuesday in an insider trading case, a day after he resigned from Congress and set off a scramble to fill his seat in his Republican-leaning district.

Collins had initially denied charges he leaked confidential information about a pharmaceutical company and was set to go to trial next year in federal court in Manhattan. But on Monday, the Republican from western New York and staunch supporter of President Donald Trump withdrew his not guilty plea and resigned from Congress.

During his guilty plea to securities fraud conspiracy and making false statements to the FBI, Collins told the judge that he was "embarrassed and dismayed" that he betrayed the trust of his constituents. He called it "something I'll have to live with for the rest of my life."

With Collins' departure, it will be up to Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo to set a special election to replace him. The governor said in radio interview Tuesday that the timing remains uncertain for an election that's expected to now draw even more can-

didates to an already crowded field.

"The question is, when can I do it?" Cuomo said. "But sooner rather than later is my inclination."

The case against the 69-year-old Collins stemmed from his business dealings with Innate Immunotherapeutics Ltd., a biotechnology company headquartered in Australia. He was the company's largest shareholder and sat on its board.

Collins was attending the Congressional Picnic at the White House in 2017 when he received an email from the company's chief executive saying that a drug developed to treat multiple sclerosis had proven to be a clinical failure.

"I was devastated by the news," Collins said in court Tuesday. While in a "very emotional state," he made a phone call to his investor son so the son could unload his stock in the company before it made the bad news public, he added.

As a result, Cameron Collins and his fiancée's father began selling their shares the next day, allowing them to avoid a combined \$800,000 in losses when the announcement caused the stock price to plunge 92%. Both men are expected to plead guilty Thursday.

## Law aimed at Trump's tax returns is blocked

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — A U.S. judge on Tuesday temporarily blocked a California law aimed at forcing President Donald Trump to release his personal income tax returns in order to appear on the 2020 primary ballot.

U.S. District Judge Morrison C. England Jr. issued a written opinion saying the law likely violates the U.S. Constitution. He had announced last month he planned to block the law.

The law requires candidates for president or governor to file copies of their personal income tax returns dating back five years with the California secretary of state's office. If they refuse, they could not appear on the state's primary ballot. The law would have applied to general elections.

Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom said he signed the law because California has a "special responsibility" to hold candidates to high ethical standards. The Trump campaign sued, arguing the law seeks to add another qualification for running for president, something state governments don't have the authority to do.

In his ruling, Morrison wrote the state's concerns are "both legitimate and understandable," highlighting that candidates have "unnecessary and irrelevant excuses for shielding the public from such information."

"It is not the job of the courts, however, to decide whether a tax return disclosure requirement is good policy or makes political sense," wrote Morrison, who was appointed by former Republican President George W. Bush. "Instead, it is the court's job to make sure the Constitution wins."

California Secretary of State Alex Padilla said he will appeal the ruling, asserting "this law is fundamental to preserving and protecting American democracy."

# NATION

## President, RNC raise \$125M in 3 months

By ZEKE MILLER  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's reelection campaign and the Republican National Committee raised \$125 million in the third quarter of the year, a presidential fundraising record.

The pro-Trump effort said Tuesday that it has raised more than \$308 million in 2019 and has more than \$156 million in the bank.

Republicans aim to use the

fundraising haul to fight off Democrats' impeachment effort.

Former President Barack Obama and the DNC raised just over \$70 million in the third quarter of 2011.

"President Trump has built a juggernaut of a campaign, raising record amounts of money at a record pace," said Trump campaign manager Brad Parscale. RNC Chairwoman Ronna McDaniel credited Democratic attacks on Trump for motivating supporters to donate in record numbers.

"We are investing millions on the airwaves and on the ground to hold House Democrats accountable, highlight their obstruction, and take back the House and re-elect President Trump in 2020," she said.

The fundraising announcement comes as the pro-Trump efforts launched their first major advertising campaign of the cycle. Trump's team aims to devote \$1 billion to his reelection.

Last week, as House Democrats launched their impeachment effort, the Trump campaign announced it would spend \$8 million to air an ad attacking Democrats for trying to "steal" the 2020 campaign.

The RNC said it would spend \$2 million attacking Democrats for their support of impeachment.



Trump

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ANTONIO ARREDUIN/AP

Smoke fills the sky after a World War II-era bomber plane crashed Wednesday outside Bradley International Airport north of Hartford, Conn.

## WWII-era bomber crashes, burns at airport in Conn.

The Hartford Courant

HARTFORD, Conn. — At least two people died and more were seriously injured when a World War II-era plane crashed at Bradley International Airport in Windsor Locks on Wednesday.

A B-17 bomber crashed about 10 a.m. local time, bursting into flames and creating a plume of smoke that could be seen for miles. Sources say it crashed into a small building as it was trying to land.

While there is no official word on the number of deaths, sources say at least two people have died and three others have critical injuries.

Thirteen people were on board: the pilot, the co-pilot, an attendant and 10 passengers, state officials said. One person in a maintenance building also was injured.

Laura Nolan said she saw that something was amiss as the plane came in for a landing. She was driving east on Route 20 at the time, and she saw the World War II-era plane flying unusually low. "He was treetop level when I saw him," Nolan said. "And one of



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The Nine-O-Nine, a Collings Foundation B-17 Flying Fortress, flies over Thomsville, Ala., in 2002. A B-17 vintage World War II-era bomber plane associated with the foundation crashed Wednesday.

the engines wasn't spinning."

As the plane passed by, Nolan said, the roar was "thunderous."

And then, the plane crashed. "I saw the smoke in the rear-view mirror," Nolan said.

The Collings Foundation did not provide details on the crash but released a statement: "Our thoughts and prayers are with those who were on that flight and we will be forever grateful to the heroic efforts of the first responders at Bradley. The Collings Foundation flight team is fully cooperating with officials to determine the cause of the crash of

the B-17 Flying Fortress and will comment further when details become known."

The plane is one of five — two World War II fighter planes and three bombers — at the airport this week for tours and flights through Wings of Freedom.

The most recent fatal crash of a vintage war plane happened in Fredericksburg, Texas, in November 2018. The pilot and a passenger in a P-51D Mustang fighter aircraft were killed when the plane, which had just participated in a flyby, crashed into a nearby parking lot.

## Sanders has heart procedure

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Bernie Sanders' campaign said Wednesday that the Democratic presidential candidate had a heart procedure for a blocked artery and was canceling events and appearances "until further notice."

Sanders, 78, was in Las Vegas when, according to a campaign statement, he experienced chest discomfort during a campaign event Tuesday and sought medical evaluation. Two stents were "successfully inserted" and that Sanders "is conversing and in good spirits," according to the campaign.

Sanders' wife, Jane O'Meara Sanders, was en route to Las Vegas on Wednesday and said in an email to The Associated Press that her husband was "doing really well."

Tick Segerblom, a Clark County, Nevada, commissioner who was at Sanders' fundraiser Tuesday said Sanders seemed fine at the time. "He spoke well. He jumped up on the stage. There was just nothing visible," Segerblom said.

The Democratic field's oldest candidate, Sanders sometimes jokingly refers to his age at town halls and other events, especially when interacting with younger participants. His aides have tried to project him as a candidate with energy levels that surpassed his 2016 presidential campaign.

He is one of three candidates over age 70 in the Democratic primary, which has spurred debate over whether the party should rally behind a new generation of political leaders. Sanders' health issue is certain to revive that discussion in the weeks before the next presidential debate this month.

Sanders' campaign manager, Faiz Shakir, was on a telephone call with supporters Tuesday night but didn't mention any health concerns about the candidate. Shakir said the "state of the campaign is strong" and he played up Sanders' strong fundraising total for the third quarter. The Vermont Senator's campaign raised \$25 million, the highest among the candidates who have reported so far, and scheduled its first television ads in Iowa. On Wednesday, it suspended those spots.

Sanders had been among 10 Democratic candidates scheduled to appear Wednesday at a forum on gun control in Las Vegas. He recently canceled some appearances in South Carolina because he lost his voice. The campaign said at the time he felt fine.

The health issue comes as Sanders' campaign has been trying to turn a corner after a summer that saw him eclipsed as the premier liberal in the field by Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, 70. Sanders has dropped well behind Warren and Biden in most polls and recently suffered his staffing in early states.



# NATION

## 2,000 attend funeral for vet who had no kin

Associated Press

SARASOTA, Fla. — Most of the 2,000-plus people who gathered in the Florida heat Tuesday didn't know Edward K. Pearson. They knew little, if anything, about the life of the 80-year-old Army veteran.

But they knew of his death, and that was reason enough to attend his funeral. They came on rumbly Harley-Davidsons and in sleek Mercedes. They walked into the service with the aid of canes and service dogs. Women clasped bouquets of white flowers. Men gripped American flags large and small.

Pearson, a resident of Naples, Fla., who had served in the Army during the early 1960s, died Aug. 31. His obituary went viral when the funeral director included this sentence in the service announce-

ment: This veteran has no immediate family and all are welcome to attend.

News of the ceremony at a pavilion area at Sarasota National Cemetery spread fast and wide in veterans' forums and on social media. CNN host Jake Tapper and Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., tweeted the information. For many in the region, it was impossible to think they wouldn't attend.

"You know what? There's no way I'm going to let him do this alone," said Willie Bowman, 62, a Purple Heart recipient and career Army veteran. "I've never met the man. But he's a veteran and he's a brother of mine."

Pearson was born in Pennsylvania and moved to Florida 25 years ago. One woman in the community got to know him after Hurricane Irma in 2017: Patty



CHRIS O'MEARA/AP

An honor guard folds an American flag during an open funeral service for U.S. Army veteran Edward K. Pearson on Tuesday at Sarasota National Cemetery in Florida. Pearson had no family, so his funeral home sent out a request on social media for the public to attend the service.

Thrasher, a customer service representative for the Collier County Tax Collector's office.

The storm had damaged the roof of Pearson's mobile home. Water rained into the kitchen through a blue tarp and when Pearson sought government aid to help with repairs and needed a title, Thrasher discovered that he didn't actually own the home. The man who sold him the home was

a swindler who took advantage of an elderly person, she said.

With Thrasher's help, the community secured a title for the home, fixed the roof and paid a past electric bill. Pearson told Thrasher that he didn't want to "be on the news" for his plight and was hesitant to ask for help.

Cemetery officials say it's not uncommon for veterans to die — and be buried — without fam-

ily. In Texas, there is a formal effort called the "Unaccompanied Veteran Burial Program" that makes sure veterans in the state receive full military honors.

On Tuesday, Thrasher said Pearson would have been overwhelmed by the thousands who stood in the heat to send him off.

"I think he would have just totally been in tears," she said.

## Court rules FCC had right to dump net-neutrality rules

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Federal Communications Commission can dump rules that keep internet providers from favoring some services over others, but couldn't bar states like California from enacting their own prohibitions, a federal court ruled.

While Tuesday's ruling handed Trump-appointed regulators a partial victory, consumer advocates and other groups viewed the ruling as a victory for state and local governments seeking to put in their own net neutrality rules.

The FCC's 2015 net neutrality rules had barred internet providers such as AT&T, Comcast and Verizon from blocking, slowing down or charging internet companies to favor some sites or apps over others. After the FCC repealed the rules, phone and cable companies can interfere with internet traffic as long as they disclose it.

In Tuesday's decision, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit ruled that the FCC failed to show legal authority to bar states from imposing any rules that the agency repealed or that are stricter than its own.

"This ruling empowers states to move forward in the absence of

a federal approach to consumer protections," said Lisa Hayes, co-CEO of the Center for Democracy & Technology.

States already have come up with their own net neutrality laws, including one in California that was put on hold until Tuesday's court decision. Congressional Democrats have attempted, unsuccessfully, to reverse the FCC's repeal.

The federal court directed the FCC to rework its order to include the impact of its repeal on public safety. FCC Chairman Ajit Pai said the agency will address the "narrow issues" cited by the court.

"Today's decision is a victory for consumers, broadband deployment, and the free and open internet," Pai said in a statement. He maintained that speeds for consumers have increased by 40% since the agency's 2017 repeal "and millions more Americans have gained access to the internet."

Net neutrality has evolved from a technical concept into a politically charged issue, the focus of street and online protests and a campaign issue lobbied against by Republicans and the Trump administration.

The FCC has long mulled over how to enforce it.

## Mo. executes man despite medical concerns

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — A Missouri inmate was executed Tuesday for killing a man in 1996 in a string of violence that included several other crimes, despite concerns that the prisoner's rare medical condition would cause a gruesome lethal injection.

Russell Bucklew was put to death at the state prison in Boone Terre. It was Missouri's first execution since January 2017.

Bucklew had twice previously been within hours of execution, only to have the U.S. Supreme Court grant last-minute reprieves over concerns that he might suffer during the execution process. He had a condition called cavernous hemangioma and had blood-filled tumors in his head, neck and throat. He breathed with help from a tracheostomy tube.

His attorneys said in a clemency request to Gov. Mike Parson that a throat tumor could burst, causing Bucklew to choke and die painfully and in violation of the constitutional guarantee against cruel and unusual punishment.

Bucklew looked around and twitched his feet beneath the sheet as he lay on the gurney just before the lethal injection. He suddenly took a deep breath and all movement stopped. He showed no outward signs of distress.

Cheryl Pilate, one of Bucklew's attorneys, said several steps were taken to try to ensure that he didn't suffer, including sedating him prior to the execution and elevating the gurney to help prevent him from choking.

Human rights groups and death penalty opponents, including all four Roman Catholic bishops in Missouri and the American Civil Liberties Union, urged Parson to grant clemency and remand Bucklew to life in prison without parole. But Parson, a Republican who worked in law enforcement for more than 20 years and is a staunch death penalty supporter,

decided Tuesday that the execution could proceed.

Bucklew's girlfriend, Stephanie Ray, left him on Valentine's Day 1996. Over the next few

weeks, according to court records, he harassed her, cut her with a knife and punched her in the face. Ray feared for her life and the lives of her children, so she moved into the Cape Girardeau County mobile home that her new boyfriend, Michael Sanders, shared with his children.

On March 21, after stealing his nephew's car and taking two pistols, handcuffs and duct tape from his brother, Bucklew followed Ray to Sanders' home. Sanders confronted Bucklew with a shotgun inside the home. Bucklew fired two shots, one piercing Sanders' lung. He bled to death.

Court records say Bucklew struck Ray in the face with the pistol, handcuffed her and

dragged her to his car. He later raped Ray.



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## NATION



LIZ HAFALIA, SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE/AP

A city crew removes boulders from a sidewalk along a street Monday in San Francisco. A group of San Francisco neighbors say they bought boulders and had them delivered to their sidewalk to stop people from camping and dealing drugs on their street.

## Boulder battle boils over on Calif. street seeking to block homeless tents

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A group of San Francisco neighbors said they had to do something to make their street safe. Their answer? Some giant rocks.

Fed up with what they see as the city's failure to combat homelessness and rampant drug use, the neighbors had boulders delivered to their sidewalk to block people from pitching tents on their street.

That started a fight that shows the frustration with an unprecedented homelessness crisis in California. Cities are struggling to address the lack of affordable housing and a growing number of homeless encampments that are popping up on city streets, sometimes in neighborhoods.

"Everyone was so desperate that we decided to team up because this was not a tent or two with homeless people," said John,

a neighbor who spoke on the condition he only be identified by his first name because of threats residents have received over the boulders. "These were drug dealers in large tents, and people coming in and out, and people not feeling safe walking to their own home at night."

The boulders went up in an alley off Market Street, one of San Francisco's major thoroughfares. They stopped people from putting up tents for a couple of weeks, until homeless advocates learned about them and rolled some into the street.

The city stepped in because they posed a safety hazard, hoisting the giant rocks back onto the sidewalk. But the activists returned, pushing them onto the street again.

The tug-of-war appears to have ended this week after neighbors asked the city to remove the

rocks, saying they are being harassed with calls, emails and people shouting threats when they leave their homes.

It shows the clash in California over how to curb a growing crisis. While residents want to protect themselves from drug dealing or other safety issues, advocates say there's nowhere else for people to go who have been squeezed out by rising housing prices and income inequality.

"I believe there has to be a better solution than blocking people from using a public sidewalk," Greg Aherne, who was bringing sandwiches and hygiene kits to the homeless, told the San Francisco Chronicle.

John said about 40 neighbors chipped in to buy the boulders after calling the city and police dozens of times. He said they asked the city to remove the rocks after the harassment started.

## Report faults DEA on opioid response

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Drug Enforcement Administration was "slow to respond" as the agency grappled with a rising opioid epidemic, the Justice Department's inspector general said in a report Tuesday that faulted the agency for cutting back use of a key enforcement tool and continuing to raise production quotas even as the number of deaths rose.

"Unlike past drug crises, in combating the current opioid epidemic DEA failed to develop a comprehensive national strategy that could have focused and directed its regulatory and enforcement efforts," the watchdog report found.

Some of the findings could bolster the claims of drugmakers and distributors who have said the government should share the blame for the crisis. The first federal trial on the crisis, dealing with claims against the drug industry from two Ohio counties, is scheduled to begin later this month in Cleveland.

Opioids, a class of drugs that includes powerful prescription painkillers such as OxyContin and Vicodin and illegal drugs including heroin and illicitly made fentanyl, have been linked to more than 400,000 deaths in the U.S. since 2000.

The report examined the DEA's regulatory and enforcement efforts to control opioids since the crisis began to come into focus. It found that as the number of opioid-related deaths drastically increased between 2013 and 2017, the DEA significantly reduced using one of its key enforcement tools — the ability to suspend manufacturers, distributors and other registrants to keep drugs from being diverted.

The report found the agency issued a peak of 59 of those "immediate suspension orders" in fiscal year 2011. But then the number

started dropping, going down to five in fiscal 2015. The report said part of the reason for the decline was that so many pill mills had already been shut down. But part of it was an icy relationship between different offices in the agency.

In a response included with the report, the DEA said the decline in those suspensions was also due to a decrease in opioid prescriptions and an increase in prescribers, pharmacists and others surrendering their registrations.

The report also found the DEA raised the annual quota of the amount of oxycodone that can be manufactured by nearly 400 percent from 2002 to 2013. In court filings, drugmakers have said that they continued to increase production as the opioid crisis deepened because the DEA said they should.

The report notes the agency had told the Government Accountability Office previously that it's difficult to set a limit that provides for legitimate medical needs and limits abuse and diversion. Since 2014, the oxycodone quota has been reduced, with the biggest cuts — of 25 percent — announced in 2016. The cuts have come as prescriptions have declined and fentanyl and other synthetic street drugs have become the biggest killers among opioids.

In the report, weaknesses were identified in the DEA's registration process, which allowed manufacturers, distributors and health care providers to immediately reapply after their registration was revoked or surrendered.

The inspector general also called for the federal government to do something some states have done already: Require electronic rather than handwritten prescriptions for all controlled substances, to cut down on fraud. The DEA agreed with that and most of the report's recommendations.

## Judge allows challenge to downsizing of monuments to proceed

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — A federal judge has rejected the Trump administration's bid to dismiss lawsuits challenging the constitutionality of a 2017 decision to downsize two sprawling national monuments in Utah.

U.S. District Court Judge Tanya Chutkan's written decisions issued Monday night means the legal challenges seeking to return the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante national monuments to their original sizes can move forward.

Chutkan didn't decide the key question at the core of the lawsuits: Does the Antiquities Act give presidents the power to create monuments as well as reduce them?

The government has already created new management plans for the downsized monuments. President Donald Trump downsized Bears Ears by 85% and Grand Staircase by nearly half.

The lawsuits were filed by environmental organizations, tribal coalitions, an outdoor recreation company and a paleontology organization.

Those groups celebrated getting over an initial hurdle as they attempt to reverse decisions they say left sensitive lands and sites vulnerable to damage. Lands cut from the monuments are still under protections afforded to federal lands but are now open to oil and gas drilling and coal mining.

"We're one day closer to overturning Trump's unlawful order that attacks the Grand Staircase-

Escalante and Bears Ears national monuments," said Steve Bloch, legal director at the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance conservation group, which is among the organizations mounting the legal challenge.

The Department of the Interior said in an emailed statement that it supports Trump's decisions and is confident the judge will side with the administration.

Government lawyers argued last year in the request to throw out the lawsuits that the groups lack standing and that the Antiquities Act clearly gives the president the power to modify monuments.

A hearing has been scheduled for Monday in Washington to discuss what comes next in the case.



FRANCIS KJOLSTETH, THE SALT LAKE (UTAH) TRIBUNE/AP

A federal judge has rejected the Trump administration's bid to dismiss lawsuits challenging the constitutionality of a 2017 decision to downsize two sprawling national monuments in Utah, including Bears Ears National Monument.

## NATION



TOM FOX, DALLAS MORNING NEWS/AP

Botham Jean's mother, Allison Jean, center, escorted by civil rights attorney Lee Merritt, right, is hugged by family members outside the courtroom after fired Dallas police officer Amber Guyger was found guilty of murdering Jean's son.

## White officer's guilty verdict stuns some black advocates

By ERRIN HAINES  
AND RUSSELL CONTRERAS  
Associated Press

Monica Blake watched closely as a Texas jury weighed the case against a white police officer charged in the fatal shooting of a black neighbor, wondering whether the panel would render a different decision than so many others in recent years.

When Amber Guyger was convicted of murder Tuesday, Blake, a retired Nashville, Tenn., officer, wept in disbelief.

"I'm so happy," said Blake, who is black. "But of course, nobody wins."

C.J. Lawrence, a Jackson, Miss.-based civil rights attorney and founder of the advocacy web-

site Black With No Chaser, said the verdict offered one clear message: "Black people won't become criminals in their own homes."

Guyger sentencing began Wednesday. She faces up to 99 years in jail.

While activists and observers welcomed the rare conviction, most cautioned that the outcome was not the result of changing attitudes, but of a rare set of circumstances: an unarmed black man killed in his apartment by an off-duty white officer who said she mistakenly believed she was in her own home.

"There was just a perfect storm of behavior and situations that made the classic playbook insufficient," said Color of Change Executive Director Rashad Rob-

inson. "But I don't think any of us can take solace that the rules, whether they be written or unwritten, have changed."

On the night of Sept. 6, 2018, Guyger walked up to Botham Jean's fourth-floor apartment — directly above hers — and found the door unlocked. Still dressed in her uniform after a long shift, she entered and found Jean eating a bowl of ice cream in his living room. She shot the 26-year-old accountant.

Jean's death drew widespread attention both nationally and in his native St. Lucia and joined the growing list of cases fueling the Black Lives Matter Movement, which emerged after the 2014 killing of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Mo.

## Horn of plenty of pain: Bison gore Utah man, then his date, months later

By ANTONIA NOORI FARAZAN  
The Washington Post

After recovering from a cracked rib and collapsed lung, Kyrle Bourgeois thought he was ready to return to Utah's Antelope Island State Park, where he was gored by a bison during a June trail run. So he headed there with a date on Friday evening, figuring that they could watch the sunset together.

The next thing he knew, his date, Kayleigh Davis, was being airlifted to the hospital, the victim of the park's second reported bison attack this year.

"I thought my situation was just a freak accident," Bourgeois told The Washington Post on Monday night. "But apparently, they're a lot more aggressive than I ever thought."

Statistically speaking, bison attacks are a relatively rare occurrence on Antelope Island, a

42-square-mile preserve in the Great Salt Lake that is one of Utah's most popular parks and also home to hundreds of free-range bison.

Making the coincidence even more bizarre, neither Davis, 22, nor Bourgeois, 30, made the mistake of trying to pet a bison or approach one for a selfie, as visitors to Yellowstone National Park have been known to do. Both were gored while doing what experts recommend.

On June 1, Bourgeois set out to climb the trail that leads to the highest point in the park. He approached the summit only to discover that two adult bison were waiting on the opposite side of the ridge. As soon as he saw them, he rushed to get out of their sight. But it was too late. One of the huge, shaggy beasts, which can run at up to 35 mph, was charging him.

While recovering from the bison attack, Bourgeois connected with Davis online, and the two bonded over their shared love of the outdoors.

Davis told KSL-TV that as soon as she spotted the bison on her run Friday, she turned and hopped off the trail to give the animal space. Then, the Boy Scouts cycled by. The enormous animal turned on her and charged, throwing her about 15 feet in the air. Although in enormous pain, she tried not to move or make any noise once she hit the ground.

When Bourgeois found her, Davis was bleeding from her left thigh, where the bison had gored her. She had also broken her right ankle, dashing her plans to run in a spring half-marathon.

Bourgeois said he couldn't help but feel guilty.

"My heart hurt pretty bad seeing that," he told The Post.

## Judge upholds Harvard's use of affirmative action

By COLLIN BINKLEY  
Associated Press

BOSTON — A federal judge Tuesday cleared Harvard University of discriminating against Asian American applicants in a ruling that was seen as a major victory for supporters of affirmative action in college admissions across the U.S.

In a closely watched lawsuit that had raised fears about the future of affirmative action, a group called Students for Fair Admissions accused the Ivy League college of deliberately — and illegally — holding down the number of Asian Americans accepted in order to preserve a certain racial balance on campus.

U.S. District Judge Allison D. Burroughs, however, ruled that Harvard's admissions process is "not perfect" but passes constitutional muster. She said there is "no evidence of any racial animus whatsoever" and no evidence that any admission decision was "negatively affected by Asian American identity."

"Race conscious admissions will always penalize to some extent the groups that are not being advantaged by the process," Burroughs wrote, "but this is justified by the compelling interest in diversity and all the benefits that flow from a diverse college population."

Her ruling, which came after a three-week trial a year ago, brings temporary relief to other universities that consider race as a way to ensure campus diversity. But it also sets the stage for a prolonged battle that some experts predict will go all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Harvard President Lawrence S. Bacow welcomed the ruling, saying that the consideration of race and many other factors "helps us achieve our goal of creating a diverse student body that enriches the education of every student."

Students for Fair Admissions said it will appeal.

"Students for Fair Admissions is disappointed that the court has upheld Harvard's discriminatory admissions policies," Edward Blum, the group's president, said in a statement. "We believe that the documents, emails, data analysis and depositions SFFA presented at trial compellingly revealed Harvard's systematic discrimination against Asian-American applicants."

The American Council on Education, which represents dozens of college and university presidents, said the decision is gratifying against a backdrop of "continuing attacks on what remains the settled law of the land in this area."

"We applaud this ruling and are confident that the nation's courts,

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Students for Fair Admissions

including its highest court, will continue to uphold the vital principle that colleges and universities that choose to do so can consider race as one factor in reviewing applicants to achieve the goal of a talented, diverse incoming class," Ted Mitchell, the group's president, said in a statement.

In the case at Harvard, the plaintiffs argued that Asian Americans were held to a higher standard in admissions, amounting to an "Asian penalty," while the school gave preference to black and Hispanic students with poorer grades.

A 2013 internal report at Harvard found that if the school weighed applicants on academics alone, 43% of the admitted class would be Asian American, while in reality it was 19%. Harvard said the report was only meant to be "exploratory" and was based on incomplete data.

Much of the lawsuit centered on a subjective "personal rating" that Harvard assigns to applicants. The suit argued that Asian Americans consistently receive lower personal ratings because of racial bias, leading many to be rejected.

The plaintiffs built their case around an analysis of six years of Harvard admissions data. It found that Asian Americans had the lowest personal ratings and the lowest admission rates, while black and Hispanic students fared far better in both areas.

Harvard countered with its own analysis finding no evidence of bias. During the trial, the dean of admissions offered possible reasons to explain the low personal rating for Asian Americans, saying they may come with weaker letters of recommendation.

The judge sided with Harvard on every count of wrongdoing alleged in the lawsuit.



## NATION

# Mustachioed pup finds forever home

Internet sensation Salvador Dolly adopted by Mass. pair

By KATHY SCRIZZI DRISCOLL  
The Cape Cod Times

PROVINCETOWN, Mass. — Friends around Provincetown were greeting her with “Hello, Dolly!” last week after probably the most famous dog on the internet this summer started settling into her new home.

Texas rescue puppy Salvador Dolly, or just Dolly, became an online, social media and TV sensation in late July because of her black-fur “mustache” that looks like the one made famous by artist Salvador Dali. After capping the adoption applications from all over the country and Canada at just over 100, Dallas-based Hearts & Bones Rescue chose partners Scott Martino and Ryan Landry, who live part of the year in Provincetown, as Dolly’s new “forever family.”

After fostering, and some confusion about another adopter, Dolly was flown through the volunteer Southwest Animal Transport Team to the organization’s team in New York City, where on Sept. 20, Landry picked up the fast-growing, now almost 3-month-old puppy.

“It was love at first sight,” said Allison Seelig, head of marketing for Hearts & Bones, who met Landry in Brooklyn with



the puppy. “She is such a wonderful little pup.”

Although a surprise that night for Martino didn’t quite come off as planned, Dolly was greeted in Provincetown with a birthday party and a house full of people singing “Hello, Dolly!”

“I never win anything in contests, or situations where you have to hope for luck,” Martino said as he showed off Dolly last week. “So I just kind of thought the odds aren’t really in my favor for this to happen. ... When I turned the corner [to see Dolly for the first time], I thought ‘It’s really true. She’s right there.’” He soon emailed Seelig: “I’m so in love with her already!” “We’re just so happy to have her,” Landry said.



PHOTOS BY MERRILY CASSIDY, THE CAPE COD (MASS.) TIMES/AP

Scott Martino, left, with Violet, and Ryan Landry adopted Salvador Dolly, on Sept. 25. The puppy, left, has fur around her mouth that makes her look like Salvador Dali.

The couple had lost their 17½-year-old dog, Rhoda, just a month before Dolly’s photo started getting famous. While rescuers just had “a good laugh” about the mustache, photos they posted eventually went viral on outlets that included social media, “Good Morning America,” People magazine, the Daily Mail newspaper in London and “The Late Show With Stephen Colbert.”

On Instagram, a video of a Mustache Party, where the dog-rescue workers sported mustaches just like Dolly’s, got 17,386 views. (A photo last week of Landry with Dolly got close to 1,900 likes in less than a day.)

Dolly was one of 11 five-week-old “shepherd mutt” puppies rescued with their

mom from Dallas Animal Services. Dolly was “The Mustache Puppy” in the first Facebook announcement, but soon the siblings all were named after artists, including Henri Matisse, Jackson Pollock, Vincent van Gogh and Claude Monet.

The attention for Dolly isn’t likely to go away. On Aug. 1, Hearts & Bones put her little face on T-shirts, tank tops and tote bags to encourage puppy adoption and to raise money toward rescue and medical care.

The couple was hugely impressed by Hearts & Bones as a thorough and “get them to the right homes operation,” have stayed in touch with photos, and say they would be happy to continue having Dolly as a spokes-dog for animal rescue.

## Bizarre deaths of bulls in Oregon recall 1970s mutilations

By ANDREW SELSKY  
Associated Press

SALEM, Ore. — The first dead bull was found in a timbered ravine in eastern Oregon. There was no indication it had been shot, attacked by predators or eaten poisonous plants. The animal’s sex organs and tongue had been removed. All the blood was gone.

In the next few days, four more Hereford bulls were found within 1.5 miles in the same condition. There were no tracks around the carcasses. Ranch management and law enforcement suspect that someone killed the bulls. Ranch hands have been advised to travel in pairs and to go armed.

Ever since the bulls were found over several days in July, Harney County Sheriff’s Deputy Dan Jenkins has received many calls and emails from people speculating what, or who, might be responsible.

The theories range from scavengers such as carrion bugs eating the carcasses to people attacking the animals to cause

**“To lose five young, very healthy, in great shape, perfect bulls that are all basically the same age ... that is so outside the bounds of normal activity.”**

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vice president of Silves Valley Ranch

financial harm to ranchers. One person suggested that Jenkins look for craters underneath the carcasses, saying it would be evidence the bulls had been levitated into a spaceship, mutilated, and then dropped back to the ground.

Jenkins, who is leading the investigation that also involves state police, has run into only dead ends, with no witnesses. “If anyone has concrete information or knows of any cases that have been solved in the past, that would definitely be helpful,” he said from his office in Burns.

Colby Marshall, vice president of the Silves Valley Ranch that owned the bulls,

has another theory: “We think that this crime is being perpetuated by some sort of a cult,” he said.

The case recalls mutilations of livestock across the West and Midwest in the 1970s that struck fear in rural areas. Thousands of cattle and other livestock were found dead with the reproductive organs, and sometimes part of their faces, removed, in territory ranging from Minnesota to New Mexico.

Ranchers began carrying guns. Folks said helicopters had been heard around the kill sites. A federal agency canceled an inventory by helicopter of its lands in Colo-

rado, worried that it would get shot down.

Cases have emerged sporadically since then. In the 1980s, a few cows were found dead and mutilated in eastern Oregon. More recently, there have been cases on a ranch near Flagstaff, Ariz.

Marshall suspects the bulls were killed to get the organs of the free-ranging bulls for some reason. The bull parts would be available cheaply or free at a slaughterhouse, but he believes some people are going to a lot of trouble to get these parts on the range.

“To lose a completely healthy animal would be an oddity,” Marshall said. “To lose five young, very healthy, in great shape, perfect bulls that are all basically the same age ... that is so outside the bounds of normal activity.”

The Oregon Cattlemen’s Association is offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the conviction of those responsible. The ranch is offering \$25,000.

## NASA’s Insight lander captures marsquakes and other Mars sounds

Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA’s Insight lander on Mars has captured the low rumble of marsquakes and a symphony of otherworldly sounds.

Scientists released an audio sampling Tuesday. The sounds had been enhanced for humans to hear.

Insight’s seismometer has detected more than 100 events, but only 21 are considered strong marsquake candidates. The rest could be marsquakes — or something else. The French seismometer is so sensitive it can hear the Martian wind as well as movements by the lander’s robot arm and other mechanical “dinks and

donks” as the team calls them.

“It’s been exciting, especially in the beginning, hearing the first vibrations from the lander,” said Imperial College London’s Constantinos Charalambous, who helped provide the audio recordings. “You’re imagining what’s really happening on Mars as Insight sits on the open landscape,”

he added in a statement.

Insight arrived at Mars last November and recorded its first seismic rumbling in April.

A German drilling instrument, meanwhile, has been inactive for months. Scientists are trying to salvage the experiment to measure the planet’s internal temperature.

The so-called mole is meant to penetrate 16 feet beneath the Martian surface, but has managed barely 1 foot. Researchers suspect the Martian sand isn’t providing the necessary friction for digging, causing the mole to helplessly bounce around rather than burrow deeper, and to form a wide pit around itself.

## WORLD



VINCENT THIAN/AP

Residents of Tsuen Wan on Wednesday protest the police shooting of a teenage demonstrator. Hong Kong office workers and schoolmates of the teenage demonstrator rallied to condemn police tactics and demand accountability.

## Hong Kong protesters condemn police tactics after teenager shot

By EILEEN NG  
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Associated Press

HONG KONG — Hong Kong office workers and schoolmates of a teenage demonstrator shot at close range in the chest by a police officer rallied Wednesday to condemn police tactics and demand accountability.

The shooting Tuesday during widespread anti-government demonstrations on China's National Day was a fearsome escalation in Hong Kong's protest violence. The 18-year-old is the first known victim of police gunfire since the protests began in June. He was hospitalized and his condition was described by the government as stable on Wednesday.

The officer fired as the teen, Tsang Chi-kin, struck him with a metal rod. The officer's use of lethal weaponry is sure to inflame widespread public anger about police tactics during the crisis, widely condemned as heavy handed.

"The Hong Kong police have gone trigger-happy and nuts," pro-democracy lawmaker Claudia Mo said Wednesday.

After viewing a video of the shooting, Mo said: "The sensible police response should have been to use a police baton or pepper

spray, etc., to fight back. It wasn't exactly an extreme situation and the use of a live bullet simply cannot be justified."

Several hundred people, including students, chanted anti-police slogans outside Tsang's school in Tsuen Wan district in northern Hong Kong on Wednesday.

Sitting crossed-legged, some held an arm across their chest below their left shoulder — the location of the teenager's gunshot wound. One held a hand-written message condemning "thug police."

More than 1,000 office workers skipped their lunch to join an impromptu march in the city's business district against the police shooting. Dozens of black-clad protesters also protested at a luxury mall in Kowloon district.

Police have defended the officer's use of force as "reasonable and lawful." Police Commissioner Stephen Lo said late Tuesday that the officer had feared for his life and made "a split-second" decision to fire a single shot at close range.

Responding to questions about why the officer shot at Tsang's chest, instead of his limbs, Deputy Police Commissioner Tang Ping-Keung said Wednesday the officer had fired at an area that could immobilize the youth quickly.

# Iraq protest death toll rises to 6 in two days of clashes

By QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA  
Associated Press

BAGHDAD — At least four people were killed and dozens were wounded in clashes in Iraq on Wednesday as security forces fired live ammunition and tear gas for the second day to disperse anti-government protesters demanding jobs, improved services and an end to corruption.

The deaths brought the overall number of protesters killed in two days of violence to six. Protests on Tuesday had left two dead — one in Baghdad and another in the city of Nasiriyah — and over 200 wounded.

The renewed clashes occurred despite a massive security dragnet mounted by the government in an effort to quash the economically-driven protests.

Hundreds of heavily armed security forces and riot police deployed on Baghdad streets, blocking all intersections leading to a major central square Wednesday to prevent a repeat of Tuesday's protests. Parked armored personnel carriers and SUVs stood guard and by mid-afternoon, residents said authorities had shut down social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter and WhatsApp.

Iraq has been caught in the middle of U.S.-Iran tensions in the Middle East, putting an additional strain on the weak government in Baghdad that hosts thousands of U.S. troops and powerful paramilitary forces allied with Iran.

The U.S. Embassy in Baghdad called for restraint from all sides. "The right to demonstrate peacefully is a fundamental right in all democracies, but there is no place for violence in demonstrations from any side," it posted on Twitter.

The protests, organized on social media, started in Tahrir Square on Tuesday, initially driven by economy woes. They began peacefully, calling for an end to corruption, improved basic services and more jobs. But they soon turned violent after security forces fought back demonstrators with water cannons, tear gas and live ammunition.



HADI MIZBAN/AP

Anti-government protesters set fire and block roads in Baghdad on Wednesday. Security forces fired in the air and used tear gas to disperse groups of demonstrators.

Protesters responded by calling for toppling the government, throwing stones at security forces and setting tires and trash containers on fire. At least two protesters were killed and more than 200 were wounded.

A few dozen protesters tried to reach Tahrir Square again on Wednesday morning but were met with scores of riot police who formed a human barrier and soldiers who blocked roads, sometimes with barbed wire. Security forces again fired tear gas and live ammunition into the air to disperse the protesters, chasing them away, according to officials.

Saadoun Street, a major commercial thoroughfare leading to Tahrir Square, was deserted and all the shops and restaurants were closed.

Security and medical officials said three protesters were killed in Baghdad on Wednesday and one in Nasiriyah, south of the capital. All officials spoke on condition of anonymity in line with regula-

tions. In Zaafaraniyah, a 10-year-old girl was also killed when she was hit by a car speeding away from a checkpoint amid protests.

The protests are the most serious challenge to Prime Minister Adel Abdul-Mahdi's nearly year-old government. The premier held a national security emergency meeting Wednesday. His office later said the meeting denounced the violence that accompanied the protests and said measures will be taken to protect citizens and public property and that the government will spare no effort to fulfill the demands of the protesters.

The U.N. secretary-general's special representative for Iraq, Jeanine Hennis-Plasschaert, expressed "grave concern" over the violence at the demonstrations in Baghdad and elsewhere.

"Every individual has the right to speak freely, in keeping with the law," she said in a statement, urging authorities to exercise restraint in their handling of the protests.

## Netanyahu's pre-indictment corruption hearing begins

By ARON HELLER  
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's long-awaited pre-indictment hearing on corruption charges began Wednesday in Jerusalem, as a jittery political world eagerly sought clarity on his legal standing amid the stalemate that followed the country's second inconclusive election of the year.

Netanyahu is currently struggling to prolong his lengthy rule by building a unity government with his primary opponents, the centrist Blue and White party, who re-

fuse to partner with him because of the serious crimes of which he is suspected.

Israel's attorney general has recommended charging Netanyahu with bribery, fraud and breach of trust in three separate cases. Netanyahu has denied wrongdoing, calling them part of a media-orchestrated witch hunt. The allegations against him include suspicions that he accepted hundreds of thousands of dollars of champagne and cigars from billionaire friends, offered a critical publisher legislation that would weaken his paper's main rival in return for softer treatment and allegedly used his in-

fluence to help a wealthy telecom magnate in exchange for favorable coverage on a popular news site.

Netanyahu has long promised he'd clear his name in the hearing. A team of his lawyers arrived at the Justice Ministry in Jerusalem to argue that all charges should be dropped.

"We are going to present not only the evidence everyone is aware of but also new evidence. We are sure that once we present our findings there will be no choice but to close the case," Netanyahu attorney Amit Haddad said, upon entering the hearing.

"We believe and know that at the end of the day all the three cases must be closed."

The sessions are expected to extend over four days. It could take several weeks for the attorney general to render his final decision. However, legal experts say the likelihood of an indictment is very high given the mountains of evidence collected by police over years of investigations and the prosecution's seeming consensus of pursuing a trial.

Although Netanyahu would not be required to step down if charged, he will face heavy pressure to do so.

## WORLD

# Iran says it likes European plan to boost nuclear deal

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — President Hassan Rouhani said Wednesday that Iran supports a plan by European countries to bolster a nuclear deal that Tehran reached with the West in 2015 and from which the United States withdrew last year.

Rouhani said the plan included preventing Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons, securing its support for regional peace, lifting U.S. sanctions and the immediate resumption of Iranian oil exports.

Speaking during a weekly cabinet meeting, Rouhani said: "We agree with the general framework by the Europeans." France, Britain and Germany had urged Tehran to enter talks about a new arrangement on the nuclear deal.

Rouhani's comments came amid heightened tension between Tehran and Washington following U.S. President Donald Trump's decision over a year ago to unilaterally pull out of the nuclear deal with Iran. The U.S. has imposed sanctions that have kept Iran from selling its oil abroad and have crippled its economy. Iran has since begun breaking terms of the deal.

Rouhani said Iran has never been after nuclear weapons and whenever the rights of the Iranian nation are considered in talks and negotiations, "the road is not closed, and the road is again open."

Rouhani said the plan could have been discussed during his New York visit last week to attend the U.N. General Assembly but that President Donald Trump snubbed chances by openly

**‘The road is not closed, and the road is again open.’**

Iran President Hassan Rouhani

On talks toward a nuclear deal

threatening to impose more sanctions.

He said Trump in a private message had told the Europeans he was ready but later told media outlets he wanted to intensify sanctions. Rouhani expressed gratitude for efforts by President Macron regarding the plan.

Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif told state TV later Wednesday that even though Macron's four-point plan did not include Iran's views, "it is necessary that negotiations continue in an accurate way. We will continue the communications."

Without elaboration, Zarif said Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is applying efforts, too.

Zarif said Iran has always wanted security in the Persian Gulf and if its rival Saudi Arabi changes its regional policy, it will find "open arms" from Iran.

"We have always said we are not after tensions with our neighbors," he said.

Trump pulled the U.S. from the nuclear deal between Iran and world powers and reimposed sanctions on Iran as part of a "maximum pressure" policy that free the country's economy into full fall.

## At Vatican, Pompeo pushes religious freedom alliance

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo on Wednesday criticized governments that wield absolute power as threats to religious freedom, as he scrambled to contain a political crisis back home.

Amid a growing storm in Washington over an impeachment inquiry into President Donald Trump, Pompeo went to the Vatican to urge it and other nations to join the Trump administration in an alliance to promote global religious freedom. He told a conference on human dignity and faith that when governments hold all the power, religion is a threat.

"When the state rules absolutely, human dignity is trampled, not

cherished," he said.

"When the state rules absolutely, moral norms are crushed completely. When the state rules absolutely, it demands its citizens worship government, not God."

He singled out China, Cuba, Iran, Myanmar and Syria in particular for repressing religious freedom.

Pompeo delivered the speech as he came under increasing scrutiny from House Democrats leading the impeachment proceedings. On Tuesday, he pushed back on demands for House demands for interviews with State Department officials about the administration's dealings with Ukraine that are at the center of the inquiry.



João Henriques/AP

Debris blocks a road in the seafont village of Feteira, outside Horta, in the Portuguese island of Faial, Wednesday. The Category 2 hurricane passed the Azores on Wednesday.

## Lorenzo lashes Azores as it heads toward Ireland, Britain

By BARRY HATTON

Associated Press

LISBON, Portugal — Hurricane Lorenzo powered across the Atlantic Ocean on Wednesday, lashing the Azores Islands with heavy rains, powerful winds and high waves but causing only minor damage, according to authorities.

The Azores Civil Protection Agency said the Category 2 hurricane felled trees and power lines as it passed just west of the Portuguese island chain.

Hurricanes the size of Lorenzo are rare so far north and east in the Atlantic basin. Lorenzo is producing huge swells across the North Atlantic as it moves northeast toward Ireland and the United Kingdom and weakens to a Category 1 hurricane.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said swells gen-

erated by Lorenzo are being felt along the eastern coast of the United States, Canada and the Bahamas as well as in parts of western Europe. The swells are bringing life-threatening surf and rip currents, it warned.

It said Lorenzo is "likely be a fairly vigorous cyclone" when it reaches Ireland late Thursday.

The U.K. Met Office forecast "very strong winds and heavy rain" for western areas of the country on Thursday and Friday.

The Portuguese weather agency reported gusts of up to 90 mph in the Azores — lower than forecast as Lorenzo lost power over cooler water.

Portuguese Prime Minister Antonio Costa said he had spoken to Azores officials at daybreak and the hurricane risk had peaked without major incident.

"Fortunately, everything indicates that things have not turned

out as badly as we feared," Costa told reporters in Lisbon.

Azores Civil Protection Agency chief Carlos Neves said two homes were safely evacuated and no injuries were reported. Emergency crews were removing fallen trees from roads and restoring downed power lines, he said.

Around 250,000 people live on the Azores' nine volcanic islands and the archipelago is a popular tourist destination, famed for its lakes, mountains and volcanic craters.

Authorities in the archipelago placed seven islands on red alert as Lorenzo approached. School classes were canceled and government offices were closed as people were told to remain indoors Wednesday.

Azores airline SATA canceled all flights to the archipelago, and some islands closed their ports.

## UK's Johnson says he has 'reasonable' Brexit compromise for European Union

By JILL LAWLESS

Associated Press

MANCHESTER, England — British Prime Minister Boris Johnson will send what he called a "constructive and reasonable" compromise for a Brexit deal to the European Union on Wednesday, as he warned of grave consequences for trust in democracy if Britain fails to leave the bloc in less than a month.

British voters in 2016 narrowly chose to leave the EU but the country remains deeply divided over the departure terms. In a speech Wednesday to the Conservative Party's annual conference, Johnson underscored the fear of violating public belief in democracy should Brexit not happen.

"After three and a half years, people are beginning to feel that they are being taken for fools," he told party members in Manchester, northern Eng-

land. "They are beginning to suspect that there are forces in this country that simply don't want Brexit delivered at all."

The new British plans are likely to face deep skepticism from EU leaders, who doubt the U.K. has a workable plan to avoid checks on goods or people crossing the border between EU member Ireland and the U.K.'s Northern Ireland after Brexit.

Johnson insisted that there would not be customs checks at the border in Northern Ireland under the proposed deal, one of the main sticking points of the Brexit talks.

A Brexit agreement between the EU and his predecessor, Theresa May, was rejected three times by the U.K. Parliament, largely because of opposition to the "backstop," an insurance policy designed to ensure there is no return to customs posts or other infrastructure on the Irish border.



# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Pony on freeway clipped by hit-and-run driver

**CA** LONG BEACH — Authorities were searching for a hit-and-run driver who struck a pony that was loose on a Los Angeles-area freeway, leaving the small horse slightly injured.

The California Highway Patrol said a 10-year-old boy had been riding the pony at a home when he fell off and the animal ran away.

The CHP said the pony made its way onto westbound State Route 91 in Long Beach, where it was clipped by a black SUV. The driver sped away.

The horse was evaluated by animal control officers and reunited with its owner.

## Charge: Timber thieves started forest fire

**WA** TACOMA — Federal prosecutors said timber thieves were to blame for a fire in Washington's Olympic National Forest last year.

An indictment unsealed Monday said Justin Wilkie and Shawn Williams were trying to steal a big leaf maple tree in August 2018 but it had a bees nest. They decided to burn the nest with gasoline, and then tried unsuccessfully to douse the fire with their water bottles. The tree's wood is prized for making instruments.

Nearly 5.2 square miles of public land burned.

Wilkie was arrested Monday. The U.S. Attorney's Office said Williams is in custody in California.

## Cougar captured after escaping zoo enclosure

**KS** INDEPENDENCE

— Officials at a southeast Kansas zoo said a cougar that got out of its enclosure was recaptured.

The cougar got loose Monday morning at Riverside Park and Ralph Mitchell Zoo in Independence.

City officials later said the animal was captured and it had not left the zoo.

Zoo officials had issued a statement before the capture warning residents to stay away while the search was underway.

## Ferris wheel opens in downtown St. Louis

**MO** ST. LOUIS — A new and colorful attraction is open in downtown St. Louis — a 200-foot-tall Ferris wheel.

The St. Louis Wheel opened at Union Station, where a new aquarium complex is expected to open in December.

The Ferris wheel lights up with 1.6 million LED lights. It includes 42 climate-controlled gondolas that can hold up to eight people each. Rides last about 15 minutes and cost \$15 for adults and \$10 for children.

The redevelopment of the former train station complex also includes an 18-hole mini-golf course, a carousel and an old-fashioned soda fountain.



TOM SHERLIN, THE (MARYVILLE, TENN.) DAILY TIMES/AP

## Serving the community

Coulter Grove Intermediate School students weed the labyrinth at New Hope Children's Advocacy Center in Maryville, Tenn., on Monday as part of Students in Rewarding Volunteer Experiences, or SERVE.

### THE CENSUS

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The number of South Carolina lottery players who won a Pick 4 game using just the number 2. The South Carolina Education Lottery posted on Twitter that \$3.4 million dollars will be paid out to the record number of winners, who all used the combination 2-2-2-2 on their Saturday Midday cards. The winners will be eligible to claim between \$2,500 and \$5,000 per winning ticket.

## Boy, 9, takes wrong turn, wins 10K race

**MN** SARTELL — It took 9-year-old Kade Lovell longer than expected to finish his 5K race, but only because he was busy accidentally winning a separate 10K race.

Lovell's mother became worried when he didn't cross the finish line of the Francis Franny Flyer 5K in Sartell on Sept. 21.

Kade said a woman told him to keep going when he approached the 5K turn so he did, despite his confusion.

Kade finished in first-place overall. His time of just over 48 minutes was a minute faster than the 40-year-old second-place contestant.

## Most of human skeleton found on building's roof

**MS** BILOXI — Police said most of an adult human skeleton was found on the

roof of a building in downtown Biloxi.

Investigators said no foul play is suspected.

Harrison County Deputy Coroner Brian Switzer told WLOX-TV that the bones were found Sept. 19 and are being examined by a forensic anthropologist.

Biloxi Police Maj. Chris De Back said officers have investigated cases of people reported as missing and concluded that none match what they know about the remains.

## Officials: Man found with drugs, synthetic urine

**IN** HARTFORD CITY — A 49-year-old Indiana man on probation faces new drug charges including possession of synthetic urine.

The Star Press reported Kirk Allen Boughman was charged with felony possession of methamphetamine and three misdemeanors.

The Hartford City man was

out on probation when authorities conducted a "compliance search" of his apartment at the request of his probation officer.

Officers allege that they found drugs and synthetic urine, which is used by drug users in attempts to pass court-ordered testing.

## Band with no team joins school with no band

**MI** MAPLE CITY — One northern Michigan school has a football team but no marching band. Another school has a band but no football.

So the schools made a deal — and filled the air with music.

Maple City Glen Lake invited the marching band from Forest Area to play at its home game. Forest Area, near Traverse City, lost its football season a few weeks ago due to a lack of players.

Forest Area musicians were ecstatic to play.

Glen Lake athletic director Mark Mattson said there's nothing like having a band "rocking out with our fans." He said the Forest Area band is always welcome.

## Man with 18 DUIs gets prison time for crash

**MN** HASTINGS — A 60-year-old Minnesota man with 18 drunken-driving convictions will serve 20 months

in prison for causing a crash that seriously injured two people in 2017.

Marshall A. Knoll pleaded guilty to first-degree driving while impaired in exchange for the dismissal of two more-serious charges. Prosecutors said Knoll was driving with a suspended license and was high on illicit drugs.

The Palm Beach Post reported that Knoll received a three-year prison sentence. With credit for time served, what remains of his sentence is 20 months.

## Church mulls former strip club for services

**FL** WELLINGTON — A Florida church that currently meets at a high school is considering buying a former strip club to hold its services.

The Palm Beach Post reported officials at NewSound Church were in negotiations to purchase the Double Dee's Ranch building that was once owned by a man accused of mob ties. It closed late last year.

Pastor Josh Mauney told the Post that the church is looking to expand "whether in this location or another." The church was established in 2018 and meets at Wellington High School.

From wire reports

## FACES

# In tune with new opportunities

## ‘Rappa-ternt-sanga’ T-Pain enjoying his success following ‘Masked Singer’ win

By GARY GERARD HAMILTON  
Associated Press

**T**-Pain is not a fan of early mornings, but it's the price you pay when traveling the country to highlight entrepreneurs and startup companies.

"It's a lot of non-rapper hours," the two-time Grammy winner said with a laugh.

The singer-rapper, who was born Faheem Rasheed Najm, is the host of "T-Pain's School of Business," a FUSE show that explores niche, innovative businesses founded by millennials. Many are centered on new technology and forward-thinking concepts.

"It's great to back these business and get out here and meet the actual entrepreneurs," he said. "A lot of people that we interview on the show are basically trying to save the environment, coming up with different ways that they can keep the Earth itself sustainable."

The "rappa-ternt-sanga" (rapper-turned-singer), as he's labeled himself, said turning into the business world was a natural fit; his mornings — or afternoons, depending on when he wakes up — consist of browsing crowdsourcing apps and helping fund businesses and ideas that catch his eye.

Pain's career is one that can be envied for its longevity, as many of the artists that he sparred with atop the music charts in the 2000s have faded into obscurity. He has consistently put out music, and he has kept his star bright by keeping his face on television. He won the inaugural "The Masked Singer" competition in February, followed by hosting the iHeart Music Awards in March. However, he doesn't label it as a comeback.

"I wouldn't call it a resurgence. It's something I was already doing. I always meet TV producers and I always have meetings at networks and stuff like that and they're like, 'Man, you got a personality on you,'" he said. "I'm pretty relatable when it comes to learning about these things because I'm learning with my audience, and if I'm good enough to help people learn and help people start their own business, I'll take it."

While he might not call it a revival, he's much more visible in pop culture than he has been in years. Despite touring and guest appearances, including a high-profile feature on "Finish Line" from Chance The Rapper's 2016 Grammy-winning "Coloring Book" album, Pain hadn't had a solo song that charted Billboard since 2013. But that changed this year: He dropped a new project

in March, "1UP," and his track "Girlfriend" featuring G-Eazy peaked at No. 37.

His music still serves as the sun that all of his other interests orbit around. But to some hip-hop fans, it's a wonder his music still resonates: A decade ago, many predicted his career would be all but dead after Jay-Z released "D.O.A. Death of Auto-Tune" in 2009, a track urging the hip-hop world to stop using the effect after believing it had become oversaturated in pop culture.

Not only has his career thrived, but his influence can be heard in the music of many of today's popular artists, such as Migos, Future, Travis Scott and Juice Wrld.

"It's definitely come full circle. I'm glad I can have such an influence now," said the "Buy U A Drank" singer.

The biggest irony might be that Beyoncé, arguably the world's biggest music superstar — and wife to Jay-Z — used auto-tune on "Ape..." a track from the couple's 2018 Grammy-winning album "Everything Is Love."

"I felt great. ... It's hers. I don't think (Jay-Z) can tell her what to do anyway," he said with a hefty belly laugh.

T-Pain's latest album boasts appearances from O.T. Genasis, Russ, Tory Lanez and frequent collaborator Lil Wayne. He noted that he's been varied when it comes to his collaborations.

"I've dabbled in country, I've written a song with Luke Bryan. I've done that with Taylor Swift. I've come back to do Pitbull, DJ Khaled and the most gangsta rappers, all the way to Christian pop." He added: "I don't want there to be a specific sound or anything like that. You'll know my voice when you hear it."

These days, his priorities are different than during the height of his musical success. His family, which includes his wife of 16 years, Amber, and their children Lyric, Muziq and Kaydanz, is his main focus.

"There was a big time in my career when I was chasing fame and chasing being No. 1 and having the best 'this' and doing the best 'that.' And in the end, none of that's important if your family is not behind you," he said. "Just put your family first. It makes a world of difference. Trust me. Big difference."

SCOTT GILES,  
Invasion/AP



## Garth Brooks to receive Gershwin Prize for Popular Song

Associated Press

Country superstar Garth Brooks has more than just friends in low places. The Library of Congress said Wednesday the Grammy winner will receive the Gershwin Prize for Popular Song in March. Previous recipients include Tony Bennett, Paul Simon, Carole King and Willie Nelson.

Brooks is a member of the Country Music Hall of Fame whose hits include "Friends in Low Places," "The Thunder Rolls" and "The Dance."

At 57, he'll be the youngest recipient of the prize. He will be honored with an all-star tribute concert in Washington that will air on PBS stations in spring 2020.



Brooks

"An award is only as good as the names on it," Brooks said in a statement. "First off, for any musician, the name Gershwin says it all. Add to Ira's and George's names the names of the past recipients and you have an award of the highest honor. I am truly humbled."

Since his debut in 1989, Brooks has become a top-selling and touring musical force, bringing his brand of high energy and emotional country music to stadiums and arenas.

He is the best-selling solo artist in the U.S. with more than 148 million in album

sales, according to the Recording Industry Association of America, and is second only in total U.S. sales to The Beatles.

In the early 2000s, he took a break from recording and touring to spend more time with his family. Brooks returned to major touring and recording in 2014 and remains one of country's most popular touring acts. He is married to fellow country star Trisha Yearwood.

### Other news

■ Writer-director Spike Lee added to his New York Knicks collection by purchasing 13 items associated with his favorite team in a recent auction. The family of late Knicks

coach Red Holzman sold 35 items that netted \$319,341, according to SCP Auctions, which handled last week's sale. Among Lee's acquisitions was the used original net from Game 7 of the 1970 NBA Finals, won by the Knicks, and Holzman's NBA coach of the year trophy that season.

■ Jim Carrey has set his wild sights on the literary world. The actor has written a novel called "Memoirs and Misinformation." Alfred A. Knopf announced Wednesday. Along with co-author Dana Vachon, Carrey, 57, will take on celebrity, acting, romance and some other subjects he's familiar with. The publisher is calling the book a "fearless and semi-autobiographical deconstruction of persona."

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**A**fter Secretary of State Mike Pompeo's angry refusal Tuesday to allow State Department officials to testify before a House of Representatives committee about Ukraine, congressional Democrats face a newly urgent question: What legal tools does Congress have to compel the Trump administration to provide testimony and documents?

This fundamental constitutional question may begin moving gradually toward the Supreme Court in coming months, perhaps slowing the Democrats' timeline for impeachment proceedings. For such a confrontation between the legislative and executive branches probably can only be resolved by the third leg of our government, the judiciary.

Much as the Watergate investigation of President Richard Nixon turned on the production of White House tape recordings of Nixon's conversations in the Oval Office, the Trump investigation may cross a similar threshold. A House committee chaired by Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., is seeking to gather evidence to assess an allegation by a CIA whistleblower that "the president of the United States is using the power of his office to solicit interference from a foreign country in the 2020 U.S. election."

But how will Congress seek to compel testimony it has requested from Pompeo and five other current and former State Department officials about Ukraine, after Pompeo's defiant refusal? The secretary of state added his own fuel to the fire, calling the request an attempt "to intimidate, bully, and treat improperly" the officials

who had been summoned. (Pompeo ignored the fact that two of the Ukraine experts, former Ambassadors Kurt Volker and Marie Yovanovitch, had told House investigators they were fully ready to cooperate.)

Schiff's staff refused to discuss legal options with me Tuesday. But the legal pathways ahead are clearly outlined by attorneys who have examined the parameters of congressional investigations and the legal remedies for enforcing. Discussions with several of these legal experts and a review of law-review articles and books on the topic yield some basic guideposts.

A simple summary is that it isn't easy for Congress to compel executive branch testimony. Congress can subpoena witnesses. Yet if the witness refuses to testify, and the House votes that he's in contempt of Congress, what remedy exists to enforce the contempt finding? Scholars cite three legal avenues that could be pursued. But all are problematic.

First, the House could try to enforce a contempt finding on its own. The Supreme Court affirmed in 1821 that Congress' contempt power, like its authority to investigate and subpoena, is inherent in the Constitution's grant of legislative functions. So, in theory, the House could order its sergeant at arms to arrest the recalcitrant witness.

But exercising this power could lead to a much worse constitutional crisis. Imagine the sergeant at arms arriving at the State Department with handcuffs for Pompeo, and finding the way blocked by armed Diplomatic Security officers. This "Seven Days in May" scenario is implausible, even in Trump's Washington.

A second pathway would be for the House to use an 1857 statute that allows criminal

prosecution of a witness who refuses to comply. The problem is that the prosecution would be in the hands of Trump's Justice Department, controlled by Attorney General William Barr, who was named in the whistleblower's complaint that Barr recused himself, a Trump-appointed U.S. attorney might still refuse to present the contempt allegation to a grand jury. And even if the grand jury returned an indictment on its own, the U.S. attorney could decline to sign or prosecute it.

The third avenue is a lawsuit to enforce congressional subpoenas, and this is the one that scholars say would probably be most appropriate, even though the case could take months. Even if Congress asked for an expedited summary judgment by the district court, that decision would almost certainly be reviewed by an appeals court before the decisive Supreme Court ruling.

This legal fight would slow the impeachment process, which has its plusses and minuses for Democrats. The stall might anger voters, but Democrats could argue that it was the Trump administration that was dragging its feet and refusing cooperation, even as the Democrats pressed for testimony and documents to resolve the inquiry.

The road ahead is obscured, and the epic constitutional battle I'm describing may never happen. But we know after Tuesday's letter from Pompeo that the Trump team has circled its wagons. Trump, his vice president, his secretary of state, his attorney general and his chief of staff were involved, to some degree, in the Ukraine matter. And they don't appear in a mood to retreat or surrender.

## The Korean Peninsula: A dangerous neighborhood

By GEORGE F. WILL  
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**I**N SEOUL, South Korea in 1950, when Han Sung-joo was 10, shrapnel from an artillery shell lodged in his hip. This happened as Gen. Douglas MacArthur's troops, fresh from the bold Inchon landing, were retaking this city — it would be lost and retaken again — after North Korea's June invasion. The shell fragment was still there when Han served as his nation's minister of foreign affairs (1993-1994) and as ambassador to the United States (2003-2005). He lives today with this metallic reminder of the fact that his nation lives in a dangerous neighborhood. His brother-in-law died when North Koreans killed 17 South Korean officials in a 1983 attempt to assassinate South Korea's president during a visit to Burma (now Myanmar).

North Korea's opaque regime possesses nuclear, chemical and biological weapons and conventional artillery and rockets that could devastate large portions of this metropolitan area of 25 million without any infantry or armor crossing the 38th parallel. But North Korea's dictator Kim Jong Un is less unpopular among South Koreans than is Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

Japan's 35-year colonization of the Korean Peninsula ended with World War II. Seventy-four years later, South Korea, where the anniversary of Japan's 1945 surrender is a national holiday, is jeopardizing its and Northeast Asia's security in order to pursue war-era grievances concerning Japan's exploitation of forced labor. Japan says this issue, including expressions of remorse and restitution, was settled in 1965 — many more years ago than the

Japanese occupation lasted. South Korea's President Moon Jae-in, whose party is facing a general election in 2020, has agitated this dispute, and a Korean court recently reopened it. Many Koreans say Japan's reparations have been insufficient and its apologies insincere.

In separate incidents this summer, two South Korean men burned themselves to death to protest Japan's government. Imports of Japanese beer are down 97%, Toyota and Honda sales are down 59% and 81%, respectively. Some Koreans bitterly remember — really — that their marathon had to end with a Japanese flag on his chest at the Berlin Olympics in 1936.

Japan, the world's third-largest economy, has responded by restricting sales of vital industrial chemicals to South Korea, the world's 12th largest. Most seriously, South Korea has withdrawn from an intelligence-sharing agreement with Japan as North Korea continues missile tests. This distracting spat, which sends a signal of unreasonableness, is risky for a nation that thinks with reason, that one cause of the Korean War was Secretary of State Dean Acheson declaring, six months before North Korea invaded, that South Korea was outside the U.S. "defensive perimeter."

South Korea polls reveal troubling age differences at a small middle ground. Young people are much less sanguine about their northern neighbor than Moon is. South Koreans in their 20s are the most hostile to warmer relations, or unification, with North Korea. Progressives are often middle-aged and some of them protest the statue of MacArthur in Inchon and are generally skeptical about U.S. policies and motives.

What Winston Churchill said of the Bal-

kans — that they produce more history than they can consume — has been true of this peninsula for more than a century. Control of it was among the contested issues behind the First Sino-Japanese War (1894-95); and the Russo-Japanese War (1904-1905), which made Russia ripe for the 1917 Russian Revolution; and of course the Korean War.

Four U.S. presidents prior to the current one tolled to this North Korea's nuclear weapons program. This continued until — if you believe the current one — he and Kim spent a few hours together in Singapore, "fell in love," and their conjugal relations produced this presidential tweet: "There is no longer a Nuclear Threat from North Korea." If, however, today's president is mistaken (there is precedent), so has been the durable belief that cajoling lubricated by bribery (food, energy, assistance building light-water reactors) would deflect North Korea from its decades-long nuclear project. The failure is writ large in the fact that North Korea has placed in its constitution the ambiguous description of itself as a "nuclear power."

Han Sung-joo is so given to softly spoken understatements that, he says, he hardly seems Korean: He says that his countrymen are "emotion-prone." So, attention must be paid when he says his country is more than "polarized," it is afflicted with "cleavages." Americans, who are hyperbole-prone, have a seemingly endless series of high-decibel shouting matches over this or that supposedly "existential" matter. South Korea's lively life with such a threat, one that Moon minimizes, and that events might be maximizing.

# BUSINESS/WEATHER

## Johnson & Johnson settles Ohio opioid suit

By GEOFF MULVILL  
Associated Press

Johnson & Johnson on Tuesday announced it had reached an agreement worth more than \$20 million with two Ohio counties, becoming the latest company to settle a lawsuit to get out of the first federal trial over the nation's opioids crisis.

The deal with Cuyahoga and Summit counties comes a little more than a month after an Oklahoma judge ordered the New Brunswick, N.J.-based health care conglomerate to pay \$572 million over its marketing of opioids in that state.

It was announced less than three weeks before the scheduled start of the first federal trial over the opioid crisis. Four other opioid makers also have reached settlements in recent months and



MEL EVANS/AP

**Johnson & Johnson settled a lawsuit with two Ohio counties to get out of the first federal trial over the nation's opioids crisis.**

will not be defendants in the trial, scheduled for federal court in Cleveland. Like most of the others, Johnson & Johnson still faces some 2,000 other lawsuits related

to the nation's opioids epidemic.

The Ohio agreement calls for the company and its Janssen Pharmaceutical subsidiary to pay \$10 million without admitting li-

ability. The deal also includes provisions for the company to reimburse the counties up to \$5 million for legal expenses and contribute \$5.4 million to non-profit organizations that deal with the crisis in northeastern Ohio.

"The settlement allows the company to avoid the resource demands and uncertainty of a trial as it continues to seek meaningful progress in addressing the nation's opioid crisis," Johnson & Johnson said in a statement. "The company recognizes the opioid crisis is a complex public health challenge and is working collaboratively to help communities and people in need."

Opioids, a class of drug that includes prescription painkillers as well as heroin and illicitly made fentanyl, have been linked to more than 400,000 deaths in the U.S. since 2000. Johnson &

Johnson has sold three opioids in the U.S.: Duragesic fentanyl patches; the oral opioid Nucynta; and an extended-release version of Nucynta.

The company said its products accounted for less than 1% of the opioid prescriptions in the country since they were launched. It sold marketing rights for Nucynta in 2015 and has not marketed Duragesic to patients or prescribers in the U.S. for more than a decade, although it continues to sell the drug.

### EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Oct. 3)	\$1.1225
Dollar buys (Oct. 3)	€0.8909
British pound (Oct. 3)	\$1.26
Japanese yen (Oct. 3)	106.00
South Korean won (Oct. 3)	1,170.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	3.3771
British pound	\$1.2287
Canada (Dollar)	1.3277
China (Yuan)	7.1485
Denmark (Krone)	6.8199
Egypt (Pound)	16.3371
Euro	\$1.0947/93.35
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.8416
Hungary (Forint)	105.44
Israel (Shekel)	3.4907
Japan (Yen)	107.41
Kuwait (Dinar)	3.3994
Norway (Krone)	9.1426
Philippines (Peso)	51.99
Poland (Zloty)	3.99
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7516
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3847
South Korea (Won)	1,206.29
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9992
Thailand (Baht)	36.63
Turkey (Lira)	5.7162

Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For non-military exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

### INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	5.00
Discount rate	2.50
Federal funds market rate	1.85
3-month bill	1.75
30-year bond	2.10

## UPS gets US approval to launch drone airline

Associated Press

DALLAS — UPS has won government approval to operate a nationwide fleet of drones, which will let the company expand deliveries on hospital campuses and move it one step closer to making deliveries to consumers.

Many regulatory obstacles remain, however, before UPS — or other operators who are testing drones — can fill the sky over cities and suburbs with drones.

United Parcel Service Inc. said Tuesday that its drone subsidiary was awarded an airline certificate last week by the Federal Aviation Administration, the first U.S. company to get such a broad

approval. Even before getting that designation, UPS Flight Forward, as the subsidiary is called, has operated more than 1,000 flights at WakeMed's hospital campus in Raleigh, N.C.

The designation removes limits on the size of the company's potential drone operation. Flight Forward can fly an unlimited number of drones, a key step toward expanding the operation. It can also fly drones at night — the company plans to do that after installing the necessary colored warning lights on each machine.

However, UPS still faces severe restrictions before it can run a large commercial operation

with drones.

For example, drones won't be allowed to fly beyond the sight of the operator without an FAA exemption for each route. Also, each flight will need a separate operator. Scott Price, the company's chief strategy officer, said UPS will eventually apply for FAA permission to have a single operator fly multiple drones at the same time.

The airline certificate lets UPS fly drones carrying more than 55 pounds, "but we're not comfortable we have the hardware for that yet," Price said in an interview.

Operations will be limited to

campus-like settings because FAA has not yet written regulations to allow commercial drone flights over populated areas.

### MARKET WATCH

Oct. 1, 2019

Dow Jones Industrials	-343.79
	26,573.04
Nasdaq composite	-90.65
	7,908.69
Standard & Poor's 500	-36.49
	2,940.25
Russell 2000	-29.94
	1,493.43

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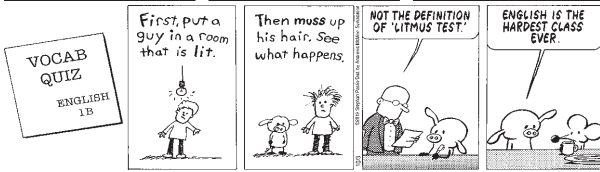
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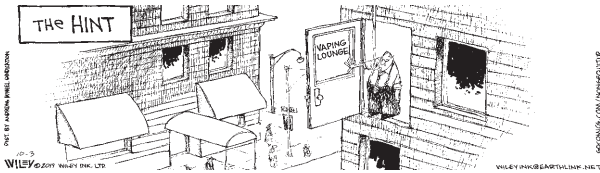
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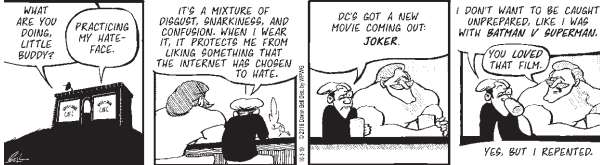
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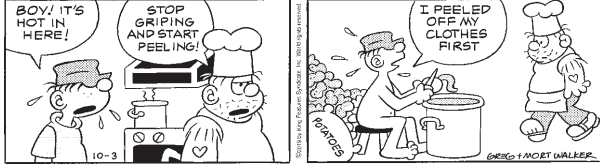
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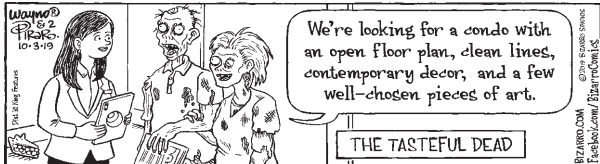
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# Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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51					52					53		
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## ACROSS

- 1 Pace
- 5 Hotel worker
- 9 Charlotte's creation
- 12 Cookbook author
- 13 Words to Brutus
- 14 Flamenco cry
- 15 First day on the job
- 17 Predetermine
- 18 Musical speeds
- 19 Moppets
- 21 Hosp. drip
- 22 Capital of South Korea
- 24 Joan of rock
- 27 Group of seals
- 28 Prepare to travel
- 31 To and —
- 32 "Awesome, dude!"
- 33 — kwon do
- 34 Iodine source
- 36 Wall climber
- 37 Darned
- 38 Sill
- 40 "I see"
- 41 Rolling Stones hit song
- 43 Flared skirts
- 47 Goat's cry
- 48 Take too many risks, perhaps
- 51 911 responder
- 52 Bassoon's kin
- 53 Exhaust
- 54 Observe

## DOWN

- 55 PlayStation alternative
- 56 "Citizen Kane" prop
- 1 Heart of the matter
- 2 Jocular Johnson
- 3 Mosque leader
- 4 La Brea attraction
- 5 Pills, in slang
- 6 One-time link
- 7 Hairy Addams cousin
- 8 Because of
- 9 Put in overtime
- 10 Author Wiesel
- 11 Pleads
- 16 "Mazel —"
- 20 "Uh-huh"
- 22 Italian wine
- 23 Vortex
- 24 NYC airport
- 25 Before
- 26 Turnpike payment area
- 27 Bluenose
- 29 Cornfield noise
- 30 Documentarian
- 35 Architect I. M. —
- 37 Stints at the factory
- 39 Rehab process
- 40 PC key
- 41 Iowa city
- 42 Christen
- 43 Pinnacle
- 44 Hammer's target
- 45 French 101 verb
- 46 Feeder filler
- 49 Flow out
- 50 Cattle call

## Answer to Previous Puzzle

P	U	P	S	S	H		A	T	T	A
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T	O	T	E	B	A	G	S		T	M
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A	M	O	S		E	O	N		S	D
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## Pro hockey

### NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE									
Atlantic Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Ottawa	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Toronto	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Tampa Bay	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Washington	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Boston	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Florida	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Buffalo	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Detroit	0	0	0	0	0	0			

### Metropolitan Division

N.Y. Rangers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carolina	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pittsburgh	0	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	0	0	0	0	0	0
N.Y. Islanders	0	0	0	0	0	0
Philadelphia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Florida	0	0	0	0	0	0
Columbus	0	0	0	0	0	0

### Western Conference

Central Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Minnesota	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Winnipeg	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Arizona	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Dallas	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Chicago	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Nashville	0	0	0	0	0	0			

### Pacific Division

Edmonton	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vancouver	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arizona	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Jose	0	0	0	0	0	0
Anaheim	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vegas	0	0	0	0	0	0

NHL Two points for a win, one for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild-card per conference advance to playoffs.

### Wednesday's games

Ottawa	at	Toronto
Washington	at	St. Louis
Vancouver	at	Edmonton
San Jose	at	Vegas

### Thursday's games

Montreal	at	Carolina
Buffalo	at	Pittsburgh
Carolina	at	Tampa Bay
Winnipeg	at	N.Y. Rangers
Florida	at	Nashville
Boston	at	Dallas

### Friday's games

Chicago	vs.	Philadelphia
Washington	at	N.Y. Islanders
Carolina	at	Dallas
Winnipeg	at	New Jersey
Vegas	at	San Jose

### Saturday's games

Carolina	at	Florida
Washington	at	San Jose
Carolina	at	Florida
Washington	at	San Jose

### Sunday's games

Carolina	at	Florida
Washington	at	San Jose
Carolina	at	Florida
Washington	at	San Jose

### Monday's games

Carolina	at	Florida
Washington	at	San Jose
Carolina	at	Florida
Washington	at	San Jose

### Tuesday's games

Carolina	at	Florida
Washington	at	San Jose
Carolina	at	Florida
Washington	at	San Jose

### Wednesday's games

Carolina	at	Florida
Washington	at	San Jose
Carolina	at	Florida
Washington	at	San Jose

### Thursday's games

Carolina	at	Florida
Washington	at	San Jose
Carolina	at	Florida
Washington	at	San Jose

### Friday's games

Carolina	at	Florida
Washington	at	San Jose
Carolina	at	Florida
Washington	at	San Jose

## Pro football

### NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE									
East									
W	L	Pct	PF	PA	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
New England	4	0	1.000	122	63				
Buffalo	0	0	0.000	75	67				
N.Y. Jets	0	0	0.000	53	130				
Miami	0	0	0.000	26	163				

Houston	2	2	0.500	78	78				
Indianapolis	1	1	0.500	70	70				
Jacksonville	2	0	1.000	84	84				
Tennessee	2	0	1.000	91	62				

North									
W	L	Pct	PF	PA	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Cleveland	1	2	0.333	50	89	91			
Baltimore	1	2	0.333	50	79	102			
Pittsburgh	1	2	0.333	76	88				
Cincinnati	1	2	0.333	50	90	74			
L.A. Chargers	2	0	1.000	90	74				
Denver	2	0	1.000	90	74				

West									
W	L	Pct	PF	PA	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	4	0	1.000	136	94				
Oakland	1	2	0.333	79	102				
L.A. Chargers	2	0	1.000	90	74				
Denver	2	0	1.000	90	74				

### NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East									
W	L	Pct	PF	PA	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	2	0	1.000	70	56				
Philadelphia	2	0	1.000	70	56				
N.Y. Giants	2	0	1.000	87	97				
Washington	2	0	1.000	87	97				

South									
W	L	Pct	PF	PA	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	2	0	1.000	75	84				
Tampa Bay	2	0	1.000	123	117				
Carolina	2	0	1.000	95	80				
Atlanta	2	0	1.000	95	80				

North									
W	L	Pct	PF	PA	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	2	0	1.000	75	65	69			
Chicago	2	0	1.000	75	65	65			
Indianapolis	2	0	1.000	75	65	65			
Minnesota	2	0	1.000	50	84	63			

West									
W	L	Pct	PF	PA	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	3	1	0.750	100	96	54			
Seattle	3	1	0.750	103	74	115			
Arizona	3	1	0.750	103	74	115			

### Thursday's games

Philadelphia	34	Green Bay	27
L.A. Chargers	30	Miami	10
N.Y. Giants	24	Washington	3
Carolina	16	Houston	10
Baltimore	24	Atlanta	20
Oakland	31	Indianapolis	24
New England	16	Buffalo	10
Kansas City	24	Detroit	30
Seattle	27	Arizona	10
Chicago	16	Minnesota	6
Jacksonville	26	Denver	24
San Francisco	24	L.A. Rams	10
New Orleans	12	Dallas	10

### Open: San Francisco, N.Y. Jets

### Monday's games

Pittsburgh	27	Cincinnati	3
L.A. Rams	at	Seattle	10
Atlanta	at	Houston	10
Minnesota	at	N.Y. Giants	10
Baltimore	at	Pittsburgh	10
Jacksonville	at	Carolina	10
Chicago	at	Oakland	10
Tampa Bay	at	New Orleans	10
New England	at	Washington	10
Arizona	at	Cincinnati	10
N.Y. Jets	at	Philadelphia	10
Denver	at	L.A. Chargers	10
Indianapolis	at	Kansas City	10
Oregon	at	Detroit	10

### Tuesday, Oct. 3

Atlanta	at	Houston	10
Minnesota	at	N.Y. Giants	10
Baltimore	at	Pittsburgh	10
Jacksonville	at	Carolina	10
Chicago	at	Oakland	10
Tampa Bay	at	New Orleans	10
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Arizona	at	Cincinnati	10
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### Thursday, Oct. 3

Atlanta	at	Houston	10
Minnesota	at	N.Y. Giants	10
Baltimore	at	Pittsburgh	10
Jacksonville	at	Carolina	10
Chicago	at	Oakland	10
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New England	at	Washington	10
Arizona	at	Cincinnati	10
N.Y. Jets	at	Philadelphia	10
Denver	at	L.A. Chargers	10
Indianapolis	at	Kansas City	10
Oregon	at	Detroit	10

### Friday, Oct. 3

Atlanta	at	Houston	10
Minnesota	at	N.Y. Giants	10
Baltimore	at	Pittsburgh	10
Jacksonville	at	Carolina	10
Chicago	at	Oakland	10
Tampa Bay	at	New Orleans	10
New England	at	Washington	10
Arizona	at	Cincinnati	10
N.Y. Jets	at	Philadelphia	10
Denver	at	L.A. Chargers	10
Indianapolis	at	Kansas City	10
Oregon	at	Detroit	10

### Saturday, Oct. 3

Atlanta	at	Houston	10
Minnesota	at	N.Y. Giants	10
Baltimore	at	Pittsburgh	10
Jacksonville	at	Carolina	10
Chicago	at	Oakland	10
Tampa Bay	at	New Orleans	10
New England	at	Washington	10
Arizona	at	Cincinnati	10
N.Y. Jets	at	Philadelphia	10
Denver	at	L.A. Chargers	10
Indianapolis	at	Kansas City	10
Oregon	at	Detroit	10

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## NHL

# There are several ways to win a title

By STEPHEN WHYNO  
Associated Press

**H**ad the night of June 12 gone differently, maybe NHL rivals would be looking to the Boston Bruins as the model to follow to win the Stanley Cup.

"We were one game away to change the narrative of how teams should be structured," Bruins defenseman Torey Krug said.

The Bruins lost Game 7 of the final to the big, heavy St. Louis Blues, who bruised and battered their way to the Cup. In recent years, that might have led teams around the league to bulk up and try to follow the Blues' lead—but that is unlikely.

The differences in recent champions—from fast and skilled to physical and punishing—illustrate how many different blueprints there are to win a championship in today's NHL. They also show the importance of tailoring style of play to personnel and perfecting team chemistry.

"There's so many different ways," Blues playoff MVP Ryan O'Reilly said. "Most of the players in the league, you're not going to change. You change little things and make adjustments, but you're not going to change the players that they are. So it's finding your group of players and getting them to play the most effective way."

Over the past decade, the Chicago Blackhawks and Pittsburgh Penguins won it all with speed, skill and talent. The Los Angeles Kings, Washington Capitals and Blues had plenty of skill, sure, but also used size to wear down opponents.

In a sport where whoever lifts the Cup tends to swing the pendulum on how to build a winner, it's become more of a race to see which team can impose its will come playoff time.

"Every year is different," said Bruins goaltender Tuukka Rask, who started in two Finals and was the backup when Boston won the Cup in 2011. "The way you build your team, everybody needs to be comfortable with that. You can win many different ways as long as your team's comfortable playing

that style of game."

The Blues under coach Craig Berube got comfortable playing a defense-first style predicated on taking the body and winning series by attrition. O'Reilly concedes a lot has to go right to play that way.

The 2016 and 2017 Penguins battled attrition and overcame injuries to win the Cup. They weren't the biggest team by any means but had the ingredients to go toe to toe with anyone when it mattered most.

"Playoffs is a whole different beast, and obviously there's more hitting," Chicago winger Alex DeBrincat said. "Even if you're a skilled team, you're going to hit more."

Jonathan Marchessault, whose Vegas Golden Knights lost to the Capitals in the 2018 Final, said it's important to "stay true to the identity of your team"—whatever that is. Yet there remains a notion that when the regular season ends and the playoffs begin, the NHL trend toward speed and skill ruling the ice is no longer the case.

"It's different hockey," said Anze Kopitar, who won with the Kings in 2012 and 2014. "In order to get into the playoffs, you've got to be fast and skilled and everything. Playoffs is a little bit different. You've got to wear teams down, and that's what it is. It's not as high-scoring as it is during the regular season. You still obviously have to have some grit and some hard-nosed guys that are willing to do that."

Battling isn't just about the Kings, Capitals or Blues finishing thundering checks and separating opposing players from the puck. It's about gutting through injuries, winning races to the puck and dictating the tempo of the game to suit a certain style.

"You always have to stick to what gives you success throughout a regular season," Krug said. "We play a certain way where we can match up against any style. If you want to play fast, we'll do it. You want to play heavy and in your face, we have the players that can do that as well, and we won't shy away from it."



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Two-time Vezina winner Sergei Bobrovsky left the Blue Jackets for a \$70 million deal with the Panthers.

## Roster shuffling

### Panarin, Bobrovsky among many on the move

By LARRY LAGE  
Associated Press

The St. Louis Blues looked a lot like the team that won the franchise's first Stanley Cup when the puck dropped Wednesday in the NHL's season opener against the 2018 champion Washington Capitals.

Ryan O'Reilly, who won the Conn Smythe Trophy as playoff MVP, knows the season won't be quite the same even if many of his teammates are still together.

"It's going to be very different," O'Reilly said.

St. Louis held onto much of its roster during a quiet offseason, hoping it will be enough to compete for another title. The Blues raised their championship banner during a pregame ceremony Wednesday.

But the Blues made one major move last week, acquiring offense-minded defenseman Justin Faulk from Carolina for Joel Edmundson and a prospect. The team then signed the 27-year-old Faulk to a \$45.5 million, seven-year extension, banking on him being a key part of its future.

Here's a look at some of the other major moves in the offseason on the ice, behind the bench and in the front office:

### Bye, Blue Jackets

Columbus lost a trio of stars in free agency, the only unrestricted free agents to sign seven-year contracts with other teams.

Dynamic forward Artemi Panarin received an \$81.5 million deal from the New York Rangers. Two-time Vezina Trophy winner Sergei Bobrovsky took his talents to the Florida Panthers for \$70 million just after Roberto Luongo retired. And two-time All-Star center Matt Duchene signed a \$56 million deal with the Nashville Predators.

Columbus has a lot of cap space, perhaps planning to make a splash next summer, because it didn't spend a lot of money chasing success with free agents. The Blue Jackets did add 30-year-old winger Gustav Nyquist with a \$22 million, four-year contract after he had a career-high 60-point season.

### Savvy Stars

The Dallas Stars have built a Cup-caliber team and know now is the time to spend in free agency. They added a pair of veterans motivated to prove they can still play after spending

their entire careers with one team.

The Stars lured three-time All-Star forward Joe Pavelski away from the San Jose Sharks with a three-year deal worth \$21 million. They made a much smaller investment in 34-year-old winger Corey Perry, whose contract was bought out by the Anaheim Ducks. Perry's \$1.5 million, one-year contract could be quite a bargain if he can provide more scoring depth for Dallas.

### Taking a flyer

Minnesota missed the playoffs for the first time in seven years and made an aggressive move to pay 32-year-old Mats Zuccarello \$30 million over five years even though he has only one 20-goal season and that was three years ago.

Vancouver gave 29-year-old defenseman Tyler Myers a \$30 million, five-year deal after he had consecutive seasons with 30 points for the first time since his first two years in the league. The Canucks are trying to avoid the first five-year playoff drought in franchise history.

### Follow the leader

Shortly after Florida's season ended, the Panthers hired three-time Stanley Cup-winning coach Joel Quenneville to take papers to the top leader in the league off the market.

Three former Edmonton coaches—Todd McLellan (Ottawa), Dallas Eakins (Anaheim) and Ralph Krueger (Buffalo)—are getting another shot to lead teams.

The Oilers, meanwhile, are hoping former Adams Award winner Dave Tippett can get the most out of Connor McDavid's supporting cast and guide them into the playoffs for just the second time in 14 years. Alain Vigneault, another former NHL Coach of the Year, landed a job in Philadelphia.

The rebuilding Ottawa Senators are taking a chance on former Toronto Maple Leafs assistant D.J. Smith, giving him his first opportunity to be a head coach in the NHL.

### Upstairs

The Detroit Red Wings brought Hall of Famer Steve Yzerman back to be their general manager. The former Tampa Bay Lightning general manager replaced Ken Holland, who later left to lead the Oilers' front office. The Wild are giving two-time Stanley Cup winner Bill Guerin his first opportunity to run an NHL front office after he helped the Pittsburgh Penguins win two Cups as assistant general manager.

AP hockey writer Stephen Whyno contributed to this report.



JOHN LOCKER/AP

Members of the Washington Capitals pose with the Stanley Cup on June 7, 2018, in Las Vegas. The ebb and flow of recent champions from fast and skilled to physical and punishing illustrates how many different blueprints there are to win a championship in today's NHL.

NHL

# Shero: Culture key to developing prospects

By JOHN WAWROW  
Associated Press

**W**hether it involves New Jersey rookie center Jack Hughes or any other prospect, Devils general manager Ray Shero says the most important aspects of a prospect's development must be in place before first stepping into the locker room.

Simply put, the key is culture, and how it rubs off on an impressionable 18-year-old.

"If you have a bad group of guys, if you're not in a good environment in terms of work ethic, you're like, 'OK, that's how it's done here, great. I'm not going to work, I'm going to stay out 'til 4 o'clock,'" Shero told The Associated Press.

"If there's accountability, and that's really a big thing in terms with anything whether it's business, sports, whatever ... when you walk into that it's 'Oh, that's how it's done,'" he added. "There's learning curves for everything on and off the ice. I think the better you support those guys as young kids and teenagers, the better off they're going to be."

The start of the NHL season this week places the focus on a new crop of youngsters set to make their debuts.

In New Jersey, all eyes are on Hughes, the under-sized, play-making center who became the eighth American-born player selected with the top pick in June. He joins a team that features two other No. 1 draft picks in Taylor Hall, who was selected first by Edmonton in the 2010 draft, and Nico Hischier, selected No. 1 by the Devils in 2017.

Nothing Hughes has done thus far should give Shero pause as the Devils prepare to open their season hosting Winnipeg on Friday.

The 5-foot-10, 170-pound Hughes displayed how much of a competitor he is in expressing how unhappy he was losing in his first NHL competitive setting — a 6-4 loss to Buffalo in the Sabres prospects tournament last month.

"We kind of got lucky to put four on the board, and only gave up six. Disappointing game," Hughes said.

The youngster responded once the preseason began by scoring twice, including the decisive goal, on a give-and-go with Nikita Gusev in a 4-3 overtime win in his preseason debut against Boston.

And the player who spent the past two years setting USA Hockey's National Development Program's scoring record followed up by scoring a breakaway goal 34 seconds into a 4-2 win over the Rangers a few days later. Hughes finished the preseason with three goals and an assist in four games.

Like any youngster, Hughes is bound



NOAH K. MURRAY/AP

New Jersey Devils center Jack Hughes, center, scores a goal against the Boston Bruins on Sept. 16 in Newark, N.J.

to make mistakes. One issue that stood out in Buffalo was the number of times he coughed up the puck.

Former NHLer turned broadcaster Ed Olczyk isn't concerned, believing Hughes will learn to adapt.

"He's going to try things that he won't in 50 games game from now or 100 games from now. You've got to have to take the good with the bad and vice versa," he said.

Here's a list of other youngsters to keep an eye on this season:

## RW Kaapo Kakko, Rangers

Selected second overall behind Hughes, the 6-foot-2, 194-pound forward led Finland with six goals in 10 games at the world championships. His 22 goals in the Finnish Elite League last season were the most by a draft-eligible player.

## D Cale Makar, Avalanche

After helping UMass make its first Frozen Four appearance in April, college hockey's Hobey Baker Award winner made the jump to the NHL by joining Colorado in the midst of its first-round playoff series with Calgary. He finished with a goal and five assists in 10 games.

## D Quinn Hughes, Canucks

A play-making defenseman, Hughes spent two years at Michigan before closing last season with three assists in five games with the Canucks.

## D Erik Brannstrom, Senators

Acquired in a trade that sent Mark Stone to Vegas in February, Brannstrom is expected to get plenty of playing time on a young Senators team.

## LW Alexandre Texier, Jackets

The 20-year-old is being counted upon to be part of the Blue Jackets' young core to step up following the offseason free-agency departures of Artemi Panarin and Matt Duchene. Texier had two goals and an assist in eight playoff games with Columbus last spring.

## F Victor Olofsson, Sabres

Nicknamed "Victor 'Goal-offson'" for his deft shooting ability, he had two goals and two assists in six games with the Sabres last year, and had a team-leading 30 goals in 65 games with AHL Rochester. A seventh-round pick, the 24-year-old rookie was a late-bloomer after playing five seasons in his native Sweden.

AP hockey writer Stephen Whyno contributed.

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## NFL



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Tampa Bay Buccaneers linebacker Shaquil Barrett, bottom, forces a fumble by Rams quarterback Jared Goff during the second half of Sunday's game in Los Angeles. The Buccaneers forced four turnovers.

# Rams hoping first week in second place is short

By GREG BEACHAM

Associated Press

**T**HOUSSAND OAKS, Calif. — The Los Angeles Rams have something unfamiliar above them in the NFC West standings this week.

Another team.

The Rams (3-1) had spent their first 35 regular-season games under coach Sean McVay with at least a share of first place in their division. Los Angeles won its second straight NFC West title last season by going 6-0 against the division, and McVay is 10-2 over all against Seattle, San Francisco and Arizona — 10-1 when he isn't resting his starters.

But the Rams' 55-40 loss to Tampa Bay coupled with the 49ers (3-0) on a bye week put Los Angeles into a tie for second place for the first time. The Rams are in danger of sliding to third when they visit Seattle (3-1) on Thursday night for their first division game of the year.

Sure, it's still very early in the season. And sure, the Rams are not up to a strong start regardless of what their divisional opponents have been up to.

But for a team that quickly established a culture of steady excellence and accountability after McVay's arrival, it's not necessarily a bad thing to get a wakeup call before Week 5.

"The biggest thing is to be consistent throughout the season, win, lose or draw," left tackle Andrew Whitworth said. "But an early loss really can enhance the urgency for some guys. That's not



Los Angeles Rams (3-1)  
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the goal, but if that loss helps you to do it, that's fine. You always want to have that urgency, but maybe a loss helps."

The Rams' performance against the Buccaneers suggested they have plenty of work to do. The offense produced Jared Goff's four turnovers and a near-invisible running game behind an inconsistent offensive line performance, while the defense got sliced up for 385 yards passing and four touchdowns by Jameis Winston.

A few players acknowledged the Rams lacked a certain urgency that probably shouldn't be already diluted by Week 4, but they're not worried yet about team that's 27-9 in the regular season since McVay arrived.

"That's an anomaly," safety Eric Weddle said. "We won't play like that the rest of the year, so I'm not even stressed about what happened."

The Rams opened 8-0 last year in the franchise's best start to a season since 1969. They were 11-1 before they absorbed the first

back-to-back losses of McVay's coaching career, but they recovered to win four straight on the way to the Super Bowl.

Los Angeles returned this fall with only a few changes to last season's roster, promoting two new starters on the offensive line and adding veteran defensive players Weddle and Clay Matthews. The Rams' overall continuity hasn't translated into smooth play, but they're confident they've still got time to figure it out.

"Sometimes it's good to get a check of where you are," cornerback Nickell Robey-Coleman said. "When you start so strong like we did last season, some things don't seem as important because you're still winning. This year we got the reminder real quick."

The Rams had to do plenty of work in the compressed window before a Thursday night game, but they largely didn't mind the accelerated schedule — except for running back Todd Gurley, who last weekend repeated his declaration that Thursday night games are "the dumbest thing ever." Gurley, who was bored and uncommunicative in his weekly meeting with the media, is 19th in the NFL with just 219 yards on the ground after getting only 16 against the Buccaneers.

The health of Gurley's knee and his comparatively small role in Los Angeles' offense this season has been a constant topic of scrutiny around the Rams, and he's clearly tired of talking about himself. The Rams hope they'll have fewer questions to answer after Gurley leads them against the Seahawks' sturdy defense.

## Statistics

## AFC individual leaders

Week 4					
Quarterbacks					
Aff	Com	Yds	TD	Int	
Mahomes, KC	156	106	1510	10	0
Rivers, LAC	146	101	1254	7	2
Drafton, CIN	166	102	1150	5	4
Mayfield, CLE	139	82	1147	4	6
L. Jackson, BAL	134	94	1110	10	0
Flacco, DEN	148	98	1076	5	3
Brady, NE	145	99	1061	1	1
Watson, HOU	126	82	938	6	1
Mariota, TEN	119	74	933	7	0
Brissett, IND	138	90	911	10	2
Rushers					
Aff	Com	Yds	LG	TD	
Fournette, JAC	72	404	5.6	81	0
N. Chubb, CLE	78	398	5.1	88	4
M. Mack, IND	72	338	4.7	63	2
Ma. Ingram, BAL	55	328	6.0	49	5
D. Henry, TEN	73	310	4.0	48	1
J. Jacobs, OAK	62	307	5.0	51	2
Gore, BUF	61	273	4.5	41	2
C. Hyde, HOU	62	250	4.8	25	1
L. Jackson, BAL	36	238	6.6	29	1
Ekelor, LAC	56	220	3.9	19	3
Receivers					
Aff	Com	Yds	LG	TD	
K. Allen, LAC	34	452	13.3	34	3
Kelce, KC	24	369	15.4	42	1
S. Watkins, KC	19	329	15.5	68	3
J. Landry, CLE	18	328	18.2	65	0
Ross, CIN	16	328	20.5	66	3
Chark, JAC	32	321	16.3	69	3
Waller, OAK	32	320	9.7	30	0
Jo. Brown, BUF	23	315	13.7	38	1
Co. Sutton, DEN	22	309	14.0	52	2
Beckham, CLE	21	308	14.7	39	1
Punters					
Aff	Yds	LG	AVG	TD	
T. Long, LAC	10	493	60	49.3	0
A. Cole, OAK	5	188	60	48.2	0
Berry, PIT	18	865	62	48.1	1
Hack, KC	10	462	62	47.1	1
Koch, BAL	10	469	56	46.9	0
Kern, TEN	25	1162	70	46.5	0
Bailey, BUF	12	1010	61	46.1	0
Sanchez, IND	13	595	60	45.8	0
L. Edwards, NYJ	14	1097	59	45.4	0
Cooke, JAC	20	909	59	45.4	0
Punt returns					
Aff	Yds	LG	AVG	TD	
Cy. Jones, BAL	6	88	14.7	25	0
Rogers, IND	9	62	12	19	0
Spencer, DEN	6	48	8.0	17	0
Erickson, CIN	6	42	7.0	11	0
Olczewski, NYJ	13	38	6.8	10	0
A. Roberts, BUF	9	50	5.6	13	0
De'A. Thomas, KC	8	40	5.0	10	0
Westbrook, JAC	6	19	3.2	9	0
Grant, MIA	5	6	1.2	5	0
King, LAC	0	0	0.0	0	0
Kickoff returns					
Aff	Yds	LG	AVG	TD	
King, LAC	10	125	25.0	43	0
Grant, MIA	10	236	23.6	39	0
D. Phillips, CIN	7	137	19.6	37	0
P. Campbell, IND	5	113	22.6	31	0
J. Hill, BAL	1	136	19.4	26	0
Scoring					
Touchdowns					
Aff	TD	Rush	Rec	Pt	FG
Ekelor, LAC	6	3	3	0	36
Baltimore	15	15	6	46	39
N. Chubb, CLE	4	4	0	0	31
D. Henry, TEN	4	3	1	0	24
D. Williams, IND	4	0	4	0	24
Ty. Williams, OAK	4	0	4	0	24
Josh Allen, BUF	3	3	0	0	20
PAT					
Aff	Yds	LG	FG	Pts	
Gusky, NE	15	15	6	46	39
K. Lambo, JAC	6	6	10	10	48
Tucker, BAL	13	13	6	51	31
T. Long, LAC	9	9	7	51	30
Buffalo	32	32	13	58	28
C. Boswell, PIT	7	7	7	7	48
McKenzie, DEN	5	5	5	5	30
Santos, TEN	11	11	4	5	23
Bullock, CIN	6	6	5	47	21

## AFC team statistics

Week 4				
AVERAGE PER GAME				
OFFENSE				
Aff	Yds	Rush	Pass	TD
San Francisco	422.5	185.8	236.7	19.5
Kansas City	474.8	101.8	373.0	30
L.A. Chargers	403.8	103.5	300.2	26
Indianapolis	367.2	132.2	235.0	24
Cleveland	380.2	115.0	265.2	26
Jacksonville	362.2	95.2	267.0	23
New England	362.2	91.7	270.5	10
Denver	349.2	100.5	248.8	18
Philadelphia	347.2	112.2	235.0	14
Oakland	335.8	125.8	210.0	10
Houston	329.2	102.2	207.0	10
Tennessee	325.0	119.0	206.0	14
Cincinnati	306.5	49.5	257.0	17
Baltimore	323.5	144.5	179.0	15
Miami	225.0	51.8	173.2	3
N.Y. Jets	296.7	65.7	231.0	10
DEFENSE				
Aff	Yds	Rush	Pass	TD
San Francisco	243.0	101.8	141.2	18
Buffalo	280.8	84.2	196.5	15
L.A. Chargers	331.0	112.8	218.2	10
Indianapolis	307.3	103.8	203.5	12
Tennessee	349.2	132.2	217.0	10
Indianapolis	363.0	132.5	230.5	10
Houston	363.5	104.5	259.0	10
Jacksonville	363.2	125.2	238.0	10
Pittsburgh	375.2	122.8	252.5	10
San Francisco	387.2	88.2	299.0	10
Oakland	385.5	104.5	281.0	10
Philadelphia	386.2	143.0	243.2	10
Baltimore	405.8	135.2	270.6	10
Kansas City	405.8	149.8	256.0	10
Miami	472.0	175.8	296.2	10

## NFC individual leaders

Week 4						
Quarterbacks						
Aff	Com	Yds	TD	Int	LG	AVG
Ryan, ATL	176	124	1325	8	6	10
Goff, LA	177	111	1222	8	6	10
Winston, TAM	139	82	1167	6	3	14
Prescott, DAL	127	92	1143	9	3	10
R. Wilson, SEA	136	91	1110	14	3	10
Stafford, DET	141	88	1122	9	2	10
K. Murray, ARI	166	106	1071	4	1	10
Rodgers, GBY	161	91	1069	9	1	10
Keenum, WAS	135	92	970	7	4	10
Wentz, PHI	145	88	917	10	2	10
Rushers						
Aff	Com	Yds	LG	TD	LG	AVG
McCaffrey, CAR	85	411	4.8	76	4	10
D. Cook, MIN	71	410	5.8	75	5	10
E. Elliott, DAL	77	324	6.1	67	3	10
Kamara, NOR	59	280	4.7	28	1	10
Carson, SEA	67	262	3.9	22	1	10
R. Johnson, DET	74	251	3.4	14	1	10
Brady, NYG	37	237	3.4	59	1	10
R. James, TAM	40	234	4.7	48	1	10
Barkley, SFN	41	226	5.5	34	0	10
Gurley, LA	49	219	4.5	25	3	10
Receivers						
Aff	Com	Yds	LG	TD	LG	AVG
Kupp, LA	32	388	12.1	66	3	10
Godwin, TAM	26	386	14.8	30	4	10
D. Adams, GBY	25	378	15.1	58	0	10
Evans, TAM	20	368	20.4	67	4	10
M. Thomas, NOR	34	361	10.6	24	1	10
Engram, NYG	24	324	12.3	75	2	10
Lockett, SEA	26	328	12.6	44	2	10
Jul. Starks, TAM	23	317	13.8	54	4	10
Hooper, ATL	17	244	12.3	57	1	10
R. Woods, LA	26	307	11.1	37	0	10
Punters						
Aff	Yds	LG	AVG	TD	LG	AVG
Way, WAS	16	837	66	52.3	0	10
A. Lee, ARI	16	830	64	48.8	0	10
Hall, MIN	14	757	64	48.4	0	10
Dixon, NYG	17	817	58	48.1	0	10
O'Donnell, CHI	21	1009	75	48.0	0	10
Cheney, GBY	23	1104	66	47.8	0	10
Palardy, CAR	16	749	58	46.8	0	10
McClain, MIN	19	841	69	46.9	0	10
Hekker, LA	10	463	71	46.3	0	10
Punt returns						
Aff	Yds	LG	AVG	TD	LG	AVG
Deo. Harris, NOR	10	130	13.0	53	1	10
S. Davis, NYG	1	56	5.6	39	0	10
Natson, LA	6	61	10.2	32	0	10
Sproules, PHI	6	56	9.3	17	0	10
St. Brown, GBY	5	50	10.0	30	0	10
McCloud, CAR	8	69	8.6	39	0	10
Germer, ATL	2	26	13.0	18	0	10
T. Quinn, WAS	5	41	8.2	11	0	10
R. James, SFN	7	57	8.1	15	0	10
Seebis, MIN	0	0	0.0	0	0	10
Kickoff returns						
Aff	Yds	LG	AVG	TD	LG	AVG
Agnew, DET	5	162	32.4	100	1	10
Sanders, PHI	7	183	26.1	67	0	10
Deo. Harris, NOR	5	130	26.0	39	0	10
Sims, WAS	9	205	22.8	45	0	10
McCloud, CAR	6	135	22.5	31	0	10



# TRACK/COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## Coe addresses low turnout at worlds, heat and doping

By PAT GRAHAM  
Associated Press

DOHA, Qatar — Sebastian Coe has a concise message for athletes who are dissing on Doha: Deal with it.

The head of worldwide track and field says any athletes complaining about the hot temperatures and non-existent crowds at these world championships probably isn't making any other sort of headlines.

"Can I just be a bit blunt about this: The athletes talking about externalities are probably not the ones who are going to be walking home with medals from here," the IAAF president said Wednesday at the halfway mark of the championships. "I have much, much bigger commitments and visions for our sport than to turn and head for home because we take an event into an area that poses problems."

Coe also said the latest doping issue to cloud the action on the track — famed track coach Alberto Salazar's four-year doping ban, which led to his removal from the track meet on Tuesday — "doesn't detract the championships."

"We've been in business mode," Coe said.

That business at the moment is uncovering the next Usain Bolt heading into the Tokyo Games next summer.

Even better, multiple Bolts. "I think it's unhealthy for a sport to have to rely over the long haul on one person," Coe said at the championships end Sunday. "It's pretty clear we've got some unbelievable young talent there. Do we have to do more to promote them? Absolutely. Do we have to build their profile over the next four years? Absolutely. ... We need that jaw-dropping talent to be more recognizable."

Some story lines are starting to surface. Noah Lyles, Christian Coleman and Andre De Grasse are being billed as next in line to fill the void left by the retirement of Bolt in 2017. The trio figures

to be vying for medals in the 100 and 200 in Tokyo.

There's also Shaunae Miller-Uibo of the Bahamas, who plans to run the 200 and 400 at the Summer Games. Or perhaps Donovan Brazier, the American 800-meter gold medalist.

Other topics addressed by Coe:

■ On Caster Semenya's absence from worlds and the IAAF testosterone rule that would have required her to medically reduce her natural testosterone level in order to compete: "The regulations were tabled and suffused in a concept that a level playing is really important."

■ On the Russians competing as neutral athletes at worlds: "You've got 30 of them here. That's important."

■ On the steamy conditions in road races (the stadium is kept cooler by an air-conditioning system): "It was a challenging climate. But the reality of it is we had a medical facility, which I don't think I've ever seen in any championship — Olympics or world championships."

Coe became a bit defensive when asked if Qatar seemed like the right place to host the 2022 World Cup.

"Why would it be the wrong place?" Coe said. "I'm not sure any of us at this moment are in a position to want to make sporting relationships dependent upon current political fragilities."

One day, Coe envisions places such as Kenya, Ethiopia or Jamaica hosting a world championship. The organization is trying to reduce costs to make the championships more appealing to cities. The next version of worlds will be in Eugene, Ore., in 2021.

"If we're a global sport, we have to be seen as global," Coe said. "It can't keep going back to the same eight or nine places that we've always sort of focused on in the past. But you won't get there in one jump."

"We're on a journey now."



PETER DAVID JOSEK/AP

Noah Lyles, center, wins the 200 meters at the world track championships in Doha, Qatar, on Tuesday.

## Lyles uses strong finish to take 200 gold at worlds

By PAT GRAHAM  
Associated Press

DOHA, Qatar — Gold medal secured, Noah Lyles took a lap around the sparsely filled stadium with a big decision weighing on him — vanilla or Oreo milkshake?

He just couldn't decide between the two flavors as a reward after winning the 200-meter title Tuesday night at the world championships.

"That's how I'm going to celebrate my season," Lyles said.

And what a season it was for the charismatic, fun-loving 22-year-old Lyles, who's providing just the boost track and field needs in this post-Bolt era. Just don't refer to him as the new Usain Bolt, though.

"I'm me," said Lyles, who dyed his hair silver for the big occasion. "And if you like me, I'll happily entertain you. It's my time."

He certainly took a little bit of time to take over the race.

Trailing going around the bend, Lyles kicked it into gear to pass Adam Gemili of Britain. Lyles finished in a time of 19.83 seconds to beat an exhausted Andre De Grasse of Canada by 0.12 seconds. Alex Quinonez of Ecuador was third.

Even behind that late, Lyles wasn't concerned.

"It was one of those situations where I knew I had to get out and I saw they were moving on the turn and I just started pumping my arms on the turn. I

knew I could sling off and grab the momentum," Lyles explained. "Because no matter where I am in the race, I will always be able to come back."

After the race, the party was on. Lyles waved the American flag, kneeled a few times and kissed the track. It was rather subdued for the sprinter known for his dynamic dance moves.

Perhaps he's saving his best stuff for 10 months from now at the Tokyo Games.

At this version of the championships, he threw his energy into winning the 200.

Now that the box is checked, he's thinking bigger: Running the 100 and 200 in Tokyo. It could be quite a showdown with teammate Christian Coleman, who won the 100 at worlds and then skipped the 200. He plans to double as well. Same with De Grasse, who did both at worlds and took bronze in the 100.

"I will be ready when Tokyo 2020 comes," De Grasse said.

As a reminder of his goal — to win gold — Lyles put it into his phone and muttered it to himself over and over while he was driving. When it finally happened, he didn't know how to really react.

"It's like something you've imagined so many times in your head that one you actually activate it's like I thought, 'We already did this?'" Lyles said. "Finally, to have done it feels unbelievable. It does feel good that I'm at the end of the season and we came out with the ultimate victory, which is a gold medal."

## Pac-12 coaches cautious about California law

By ANNE M. PETERSON  
Associated Press

UCLA coach Chip Kelly was succinct when he asked his opinion of California's new law that would allow college athletes to be paid for the use of their names and likenesses.

"It doesn't matter what we think. It's the law," Kelly said.

The Pac-12 Conference has condemned the law, which was signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom on Monday. Coaches across the league were uncertain about what it might mean for them, especially in terms of recruiting. Four teams are located in California: Stanford, Cal, UCLA and USC.

The law does not take effect until 2023. The schools would not pay the players for their likenesses, but players could be compensated by outside companies. Other states are considering similar legislation.

Kelly wasn't alone among his Pac-12 counterparts in his pragmatism. Almost all of the league's coaches responded that they were taking a wait-and-see approach.

The concern among coaches is that top recruits might favor teams in California because of the opportunity to make money. Or, it could hurt recruiting if California teams are declared ineligible for postseason play.

"We believe that policy change around student-athlete name, image and likeness

needs to be addressed at the national level to assure consistency and a level playing field across all states and intercollegiate athletic conferences," said a statement released by the office of the president at Cal. Stanford released a similar statement.

Kelly was at odds with the conference when he said he agreed with the premise of the new law and said it was the "right thing to do."

"It doesn't cost the universities, it doesn't cost the NCAA, and what it did before is it put restrictions on athletes and it no longer does and I think it's progress," he said.

"You know, the Olympics used to just be for amateurs. The Olympic model changed over time, so I would imagine the NCAA

model has to change over time."

Oregon coach Mario Cristobal also walked the fine line of wanting to do what's right by his players while also acknowledging he hadn't really studied the issue.

"I certainly believe that in any way that we can help the student-athletes I think it's our obligation, our responsibility. We certainly do a lot for them here. I know what it's like. I've been there," Cristobal said.

Utah coach Kyle Whittingham expressed confidence the NCAA would address the matter long before the law takes hold. Indeed, the main governing body for collegiate sports has a committee that has been looking at the issue. A report is due later this fall.

## MLB PLAYOFFS



PHOTOS BY MARK J. TERRILL/AP

The Los Angeles Dodgers' Corey Seager waits to bat as the wild-card game between Milwaukee and Washington plays on the scoreboard during practice on Tuesday in Los Angeles.

# Dodgers healing up ahead of NLDS against Nationals

By BETH HARRIS  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Nagging injuries to Justin Turner, Rich Hill and Joe Kelly have improved enough that all three will be available when the Los Angeles Dodgers open the National League Division Series.

Manager Dave Roberts didn't reveal his roster Tuesday for the best-of-five playoff that begins Thursday at Dodger Stadium against the Washington Nationals. And he didn't announce a Game 1 starter, either.

But Roberts confirmed that two talented Dodgers rookies — catcher Will Smith and second baseman Gavin Lux — will be active. The manager also said the team will carry eight relievers.

Los Angeles worked out Tuesday while the NL wild-card game between the Nationals and Milwaukee Brewers played on the stadium videoboards. The Dodgers wrapped up before the Nationals rallied to win 4-3.

The Dodgers took the season series from the Nationals, 4-3. The clubs split four games at Dodger Stadium, and the Dodgers won two of three in Washington.

Roberts said final roster spots were dependent on Turner's status.

"That helps for solidifying the positional players' side," he explained.

Turner took some swings against Tony Gonsolin in a simulated game. The third baseman has started just three games since Sept. 7. He initially had a sprained left ankle, then a sore back that kept him out of the final five games of the regular season.

"The ankle is healed up, it's just the back," Roberts said. "I



MARK J. TERRILL/AP

The Dodgers' Justin Turner, left, talks with manager Dave Roberts during practice as they wait to find out their NLDS opponent. The third baseman has started just three games since Sept. 7.

feel very confident that he'll be able to perform at his level come Thursday."

Hill was the only starter confirmed by Roberts, and the 39-year-old left-hander will go in Game 4 on the road, if necessary. He would pitch four innings.

Hill has struggled with injuries to his forearm and left knee.

Kelly threw a 20-pitch bullpen during the workout. The reliever has had an unspecified injury that's limited him to six pitches in the last two weeks.

"I got the thumbs-up from him," Roberts said. "He'll be ready to go on Thursday in what-

ever role."

Roberts reaffirmed his confidence in Kenley Jansen as the team's closer.

The 31-year-old right-hander had 33 saves, but his ERA ballooned to a career-worst 3.71 this season.

"The goal is to get outs and he understands that," Roberts said. "I want him to have the ball at the end of the game."

The Dodgers open the playoffs on a seven-game winning streak. Their 106 wins were second only to Houston's 107 in the majors.

"Top to bottom, it's the best team we've had," Roberts said.

## NLDS capsule

A capsule look at the National League Division Series between the St. Louis Cardinals and Atlanta Braves:

**Schedule:** Game 1, Thursday, at Atlanta; Game 2, Friday, at Atlanta AFN Sports, 10 p.m. CET, 5 a.m. (Saturday) JKT; Game 3, Sunday, at St. Louis; x-Game 4, Monday, at St. Louis; x-Game 5, Wednesday, Oct. 9, at Atlanta. x-I necessary.

**Season series:** Braves won 4-2.

### Projected lineups

**Cardinals:** RF Dexter Fowler (.236, 18 HRs, 65 RBIs), 2B Tommy Edman (.307, 11, 36) or Kolten Wong (.285, 11, 59), 1B Paul Goldschmidt (.256, 33, 95), LF Marcell Ozuna (.242, 29, 88), C Yadier Molina (.271, 10, 57), 3B Matt Carpenter (.226, 14, 43), SS Paul DeJong (.234, 30, 78), CF Harrison Bader (.207, 12, 39).

**Braves:** CF Ronald Acuna Jr. (.280, 41, 101, 37/46 SBs), 2B Ozzie Albies (.295, 24, 86, 15/19 SBs), 1B Freddie Freeman (.295, 38, 121, .389 OBP), 3B Josh Donaldson (.259, 37, 94, .379 OBP), LF Nick Markakis (.285, 9, 62), RF Matt Joyce (.295, 7, 23) or Adam Duvall (.267, 10, 19), C Brian McCann (.249, 12, 45) or Tyler Flowers (.229, 11, 34), SS Dansby Swanson (.251, 17, 65, 10/15 SBs).

### Starting pitchers

**Cardinals:** RH Miles Mikolas (9-14, 4.16 ERA), RH Jack Flaherty (10-8, 2.85), RH Adam Wainwright (14-10, 4.19), RH Dakota Hudson (16-7, 3.35).

**Braves:** LH Dallas Keuchel (8-8, 3.75, 19 starts, 91 Ks in 112 2/3 IP), RH Mike Foltynewicz (8-6, 4.54, 21 starts), RH Mike Soroka (13-4, 2.68, 29 starts, 142 Ks in 174 2/3 IP), LH Max Fried (17-6, 4.02, 30 starts, 173 Ks in 165 2/3 IP).

### Relievers

**Cardinals:** RH Carlos Martinez (4-2, 3.23 ERA, 24/27 saves), RH Giovanny Gallegos (3-2, 2.34), RH John Gant (11-1, 3.66), LH Andrew Miller (5-6, 4.45), RH John Brebbia (3-4, 3.59), RH Michael Wacha (6-7, 4.76 in 29 games, 24 starts), LH Tyler Webb (2-1, 3.76).

**Braves:** RH Mark Melancon (5-2, 3.61, 12/12 saves in 66 games with Braves and Giants), RH Luke Jackson (9-2, 3.84, 18/25 saves in 70 games), LH Sean Newcomb (6-3, 3.16, 1 save in 55 games), LH Jerry Blevins (1-0, 3.90, 1 save in 45 games), RH Shane Greene (0-3, 2.30, 23/28 saves in 65 games with Braves and Tigers), RH Anthony Swarzak (3-4, 4.56, 4 saves with Braves and Mariners), RH Chris Martin (1-3, 3.40 in 58 games with Braves and Rangers), RH Josh Tomlin (2-1, 3.79 in 78 1/3 innings, 50 games).

### Matchups

Fifth postseason meeting between the teams, most recently when Cardinals won 2012 wild-card game. ... Braves have lost nine straight playoff rounds since beating Astros in 2001 NLDS. Only the Chicago Cubs, who lost 10 straight from 1910 through 1998, had a longer streak. ... Braves are without Gold Glove CF Ender Inciarte (strained right hamstring) and utility players Johan Camargo (right shin fracture) and Charlie Culberson (broken facial bones). ... Freeman was 3-for-24 in last eight games while missing some time due to bone spurs in his right elbow. ... Freeman hit .381 with two homers in six games against Cardinals this season.

... Donaldson batted 190 with no homers vs. St. Louis. ... Keuchel has not faced Cardinals since 2016. He has nine career postseason starts. Foltynewicz, with two starts against Dodgers in 2018 NLDS, is only other Atlanta pitcher with more than one postseason start. ... All six games between the clubs this season were played in May. St. Louis went 9-18 overall that month. ... Atlanta finished third in National League in runs. St. Louis ranked 11th. ... Cardinals had second-best ERA (3.82) in NL behind Dodgers. Atlanta was fourth (4.07). ... Cardinals had second-most strikeouts (14) in NL this year. ... St. Louis had best fielding percentage in majors. Braves were second among NL teams.

### Big picture

**Cardinals:** Routed the Cubs 9-0 in regular-season finale to win first NL Central title since 2015. Cardinals (91-71) had clinched playoff spot with victory over Cubs on Sept. 21. ... Cardinals were a .500 team at All-Star break before midsummer tear. ... St. Louis needed Flaherty to pitch regular-season finale, so Wong isn't available until Game 2 against Braves. The good news for Cardinals? He would be on full rest for Game 5 if needed. Flaherty had a 0.91 ERA after All-Star break, third-lowest in major league history. ... Hudson held Chicago scoreless for nine innings last Friday, but walked five in final start of regular season. That gave him most walks in league (86). ... Wainwright was battered by Chicago in his final regular-season start, allowing four homers and six runs in 4 1/3 innings. ... Wong strained his left hamstring running up a grounder Sept. 27 at Wrigley Field. Edman was to replace him, but lineup if Wong is unable to play. Edman hit .358 in September. ... St. Louis was third in NL rotation ERA and bullpen ERA, making up for its below-average offensive output. ... Cardinals went from last to first in fielding, committing 133 errors last season and just five this year. ... St. Louis led league in stolen bases.

**Braves:** Atlanta (97-65) finished regular season with its most wins since 2003 and the NL's No. 2 seed. ... Team didn't finish strong. With injuries becoming a growing concern, Braves won only eight of last 19 games. ... Keuchel lost his last three starts. ... Acuna's chance for a 40-40 season ended when he was held out late in season due to a left hip injury. ... If Acuna is not healthy and with Inciarte already ruled out, Billy Hamilton suddenly becomes a key player for Atlanta after being claimed off waivers from Royals on Aug. 19. Similarly, veteran infielder Adenys Hestavania will be asked to fill utility void left by injuries to Camargo and Culberson. ... A key to the lineup is Swanson. While other Braves regulars were rested after the team clinched the NL East, Swanson asked for every at-bat as he struggled to find his stroke after missing 30 games with a bruised right leg. Swanson hit .215 in his last 30 games. ... Soroka had a 1.55 ERA in 15 road starts. His home ERA was 4.14. That's why the 22-year-old rookie was a good candidate to be held back until Game 3 at St. Louis. But that plan would limit the team's best Cy Young Award contender to one start in the series.

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## Scoreboard

Playoffs	
x-if necessary WILD CARD	
Tuesday: Washington 4, Milwaukee 3	
Wednesday: Tampa Bay at Oakland	
DIVISION SERIES	
(Best-of-five)	
American League	
Houston vs. Oakland-Tampa Bay winner	
Friday: at Houston	
Monday, Oct. 7: at Oakland-Tampa Bay winner	
Wednesday, Oct. 8: at Oakland-Tampa Bay winner	
x-Thursday, Oct. 10: at Houston	
N.Y. Yankees vs. Minnesota	
Friday: at N.Y. Yankees	
Saturday: at N.Y. Yankees	
Monday, Oct. 7: at Minnesota	
x-Tuesday, Oct. 8: at Minnesota	
x-Thursday, Oct. 10: at N.Y. Yankees	
National League	
L.A. Dodgers vs. Washington	
Thursday: at L.A. Dodgers	
Friday: at L.A. Dodgers	
Sunday, Oct. 6: at Washington	
x-Monday, Oct. 7: at Washington	
x-Wednesday, Oct. 9: at L.A. Dodgers	
Atlanta vs. St. Louis	
Thursday, St. Louis (Milwaukee) at Atlanta (Kuechler)	
Friday: at Atlanta	
Sunday, Oct. 6: at St. Louis	
x-Monday, Oct. 7: at St. Louis	
x-Wednesday, Oct. 9: at Atlanta	
LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES	
(Best-of-seven)	
American League	
Saturday, Oct. 12	
Sunday, Oct. 13	
Tuesday, Oct. 15	
Wednesday, Oct. 16	
x-Thursday, Oct. 17	
x-Saturday, Oct. 19	
x-Sunday, Oct. 20	
National League	
Saturday, Oct. 12	
Sunday, Oct. 13	
Tuesday, Oct. 15	
Wednesday, Oct. 16	
x-Thursday, Oct. 17	
x-Saturday, Oct. 19	
x-Sunday, Oct. 20	
WORLD SERIES	
(Best-of-seven)	
Tuesday, Oct. 22: at better record	
Wednesday, Oct. 23: at better record	
Thursday, Oct. 24: at better record	
Saturday, Oct. 26: at worse record	
Sunday, Oct. 27: at worse record	
x-Tuesday, Oct. 29: at better record	
x-Wednesday, Oct. 30: at better record	

Tuesday	
Nationals 4, Brewers 3	
Milwaukee	Washington
Grisham rf 3 1 0	Turners 4 1 1
Edwards lf 2 0 0	Faton r 1 0 0
Mistakos 3b 4 0 0	Zimmerman ph 1 0 0
Hiera 2b 4 0 1	Stevenson r 1 0 0
Spengberg 2b 0 0 0	Hudson p 0 0 0
Hader lf 0 0 0	Castro 3b 1 0 0
Thames lb 4 1 2	Kendrick lb 3 0 0
Chain cf 4 0 1	Castro 3b 2 0 0
Arclia ss 4 0 1	Suzuki c 3 0 0
Polanco 2b 0 0 0	Robles cf 0 0 1
Shaw ph 0 0 0	Scherzer p 1 0 0
Suter p 0 0 0	Dozier ph 0 0 0
Pomeranz p 0 0 0	Strasburg p 0 0 0
Gamel lf 1 0 0	Taylor ph/rf 0 0 0
Totals	21 7 3
Milwaukee	210 000 000-3
Washington	001 000 000-4
E—Mistakos (12), Grisham (0), DP—Milwaukee 0, Washington 1, LOB—Milwaukee 6, Washington 3, 2B—Thames (23), Hiera (23), HR—Granda (28), Thames (25), Turner (19), S—Woodruff (3).	

IP H R ER BB SO	
Milwaukee	4 2 1 1 0 3
Woodruff	1 1 0 0 0 0
Pomeranz H12	2 0 0 0 0 2
Hader L3-5, 37-44	1 2 3 2 1 2
Washington	
Scherzer	5 4 3 3 3 6
Strasburg W18-6	3 1 1 0 0 1
Hudson 5-8	1 1 0 0 0 1
1B9—Hader (M.Taylor), T—255, A—42,993 (41,313).	

**NL Wild Card results**  
(Home team in CAPS)  
2019 — WASHINGTON 4, Milwaukee 3  
2018 — Colorado 2, CHICAGO 13 in innings  
2017 — ARIZONA 11, Colorado 8  
2016 — SAN FRANCISCO 3, NEW YORK 0  
2015 — CHICAGO 4, PITTSBURGH 0  
2014 — SAN FRANCISCO 3, PITTSBURGH 0  
2013 — PITTSBURGH 6, Cincinnati 2  
2012 — St. Louis 6, A.T.A. 3  
**Date in Baseball**  
Oct. 3  
1993 — The Toronto Blue Jays became the first team in American League history to have teammates finish 1-2-3 in the batting race. John Olerud led the league with a 363 batting average. Paul Molitor finished with a .337 batting average. Olerud closed the year at .326.  
The Nationals' second pitcher was the second no-hitter of the season for Washington, striking out a team-record 17 and ending the Nationals' over the NL East champion New York Mets 2-0 for a doubleheader sweep.

# Brewers' script got flipped in 8th

By HOWARD FENDRICH  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Trent Grisham's eyes were still red, his cheeks stained by tears, as a group of Milwaukee Brewers teammates gathered near his locker in the visitors' clubhouse at Nationals Park to offer hugs and words of encouragement.

Everything was going according to plan for manager Craig Counsell and the Brewers — get a lead, mix and match with the bullpen — until, suddenly, it wasn't. Milwaukee was undone by wildness from closer Josh Hader and an error by Grisham in right field that allowed the go-ahead run to score with two outs in the bottom of the eighth inning.

It added up to a gut-punch of a 4-3, season-ending loss to the Washington Nationals in the NL wild-card game Tuesday night.

"It's going to sting. It's going to sting for a long time. Essentially gifting the Nationals a Divisional Series berth," Grisham said. "It's going to hurt. I expect it to hurt."

He is a 22-year-old rookie who debuted Aug. 1 and played in only 51 major league games this season, taking over in right primarily after 2018 NL MVP Christian Yelich went down for the year after fracturing his right kneecap on Sept. 10.

"It's going to be magnified because of the big stage, but he's a huge reason that we're even playing in this game. He has a lot to be proud of in his first taste of the big leagues," Yelich said. "I feel for him. If you play baseball long enough, you're going to be in these situations. You're going to come up short sometimes. It's part of being a professional athlete. He'll be just fine."

Even without Yelich, Milwaukee managed to surge into the playoffs, winning 18 of 20 games during one stretch and relying on a strong bullpen.

That formula appeared set to make again.



Milwaukee Brewers relief pitcher Josh Hader delivers during the eighth inning Tuesday night. Hader hit a batter, walked another and gave up two singles as the Nationals came back.

"If you could have told me we'd hand the ball with six outs to go (to) Josh," Counsell said, "that would have fit our script really, really well. It just didn't play."

Milwaukee went to the bottom of the eighth leading 3-1, thanks to homers by Yasmani Grandal and Eric Thames. Starting pitcher Brandon Woodruff tossed four innings, Brent Stier threw one and Drew Pomeranz two.

Then it was time for Hader, a hard-throwing All-Star lefty who saved 37 games this year. He loaded the bases with two outs, hitting one batter with a pitch, walking another and allowing a broken-bat bloop single.

That brought up Juan Soto, the Nationals'

20-year-old cleanup hitter, who smacked a 96 mph fastball into right. Two runs scored easily on the play — and that would have been it had Grisham fielded the ball cleanly. But he missed it.

That miscue led the go-ahead run score. "Came in a little off balance," Grisham said. "Kind of took a little funky hop on me."

Soon thereafter, a Brewers team that made it all the way to Game 7 of the NL Championship Series a year ago was done. "Like so many of their teammates, Hader tried to let Grisham off the hook."

"It's not anything on him," Hader said. "It comes down to me making my pitches."

# Juan: Nationals' Strasburg earns win in 1st career relief appearance

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That included Soto's father leaping onto his back and tackling him amid the excitement.

The Nationals, who moved to Washington from Montreal before the 2005 season, had been 0-3 in winner-take-all postseason games — all NLDS Game 5 losses at home, by a grand total of four runs. Indeed, eight of their past nine playoff losses had been by one run apiece.

This time, it went the other way.

"We've been here a bunch of times. Never kind of broke through," said Ryan Zimmerman, the Nationals' first draft pick back in 2005, who has been through all the disappointment. "Finally caught a break tonight."

It was Zimmerman's broken-bat bloop single as a pinch hitter that helped load the bases in the eighth off Hader, who took the loss.

Hader hit another pinch hitter, Michael A. Pineda, a ruling that stood up when the Brewers challenged, according to Major League Baseball, because there wasn't "clear and convincing evidence to overturn the call."

"Definitely looked like it got the bat, but it also got his hand," Hader said.

Hader, who had 37 saves in 44 attempts this season, also walked Anthony Rendon, leading the bases and bringing Soto to the plate.

Hader hit another pinch hitter, Michael A.

What was Soto thinking right then? "Just get a base hit up the middle," he said, "and try to help to tie the game."

The runner-up for 2018 NL Rookie of the Year did more than that. Soto ripped a 96 mph fastball to right field, and the ball skipped under Grisham's glove for an error. That allowed the go-ahead run to cross the plate and Soto to get to second, then turn for third.

"Right guy, right spot," winning pitcher Ste-



Andrew HARNIK/AP

Nationals pitchers Max Scherzer, left, and Stephen Strasburg hug after Tuesday's 4-3 victory over the Brewers in the NL wild-card game. Scherzer gave up three runs on two early homers, but Strasburg came in on the sixth and prevented further damage.

phen Strasburg said about Soto.

Soto was caught in a rundown to end the inning, but that didn't matter: He had turned a 3-1 deficit into a lead, and so he clapped his hands, then pounded his chest and high-fived third base coach Bob Henley, before shouting "Let's go!" and his Spanish equivalent, "¡Vamonos!"

"The inning was an ugly inning," Brewers manager Craig Counsell said. "Crazy things happen."

Max Scherzer fell behind 3-0 by giving up homers to Yasmani Grandal in the first and Eric Thames in the second. Strasburg replaced him in the sixth and threw three scoreless innings to earn the win in the first relief appearance of his major league career, regular season or playoffs.

Daniel Hudson pitched the ninth for the save, getting Ben Gamel to fly out to the warning track in center with a man on to end it.

"Hats off for us for continuing to fight, because we know if we could keep it close we could have a chance at the end," said Trea Turner, who got Washington within 3-1 with a solo shot off Brandon Woodruff in the third.

It wasn't until the eighth, though, that the Nationals pushed more runs across. Just the sort of dramatic turnaround they pulled off this season, going from 19-31 in May to playoff form.

Now it continues. "Kind of sums up our season, the way this game went," Zimmerman said. "We'll take it and we'll move on."

## Trainer's room

**Brewers:** OFs Ryan Braun (calf) and Lorenzo Cain (ankle) started despite late-season injuries. They came into Tuesday a combined 0-for-29 with 12 Ks against Scherzer and went 0-for-4 while he was in the game.

**Nationals:** C Kurt Suzuki, who missed most of September because of a bothersome right elbow, played nine innings Tuesday.

## Up next

Left-hander Patrick Corbin will start Game 1 for the Nationals against the Dodgers, who won the teams' season series 4-3.



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# Juan way ticket to LA



ANDREW HARNIK/AP

Washington Nationals left fielder Juan Soto watches his two-out single to right field during the eighth inning Tuesday night against the Milwaukee Brewers in the National League wild-card game at Nationals Park. Three runs came home on the play, which included an error by Brewers right fielder Trent Grisham. Washington won 4-3.

## Soto lifts Nats to comeback win over Brewers in NL wild-card game

By HOWARD FENDRICH  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After all the heartache, close calls and early exits, maybe it makes sense that a 20-year-old kid who never had been to the playoffs, Juan Soto, helped the Washington Nationals finally advance.

Maybe, just maybe, it makes sense that this particular edition of the Nationals, a club that went from 12 games under .500 to playoff participant, demonstrated the necessary never-give-up fortitude when things looked bleak.

Soto delivered a bases-loaded single against Milwaukee closer Josh Hader that scored three runs with two outs in the eighth inning, thanks in part to an error by rookie outfielder Trent Grisham, and the Nationals came back to beat the Brewers 4-3 in the NL wild-card game

### By the numbers

# 0-3

The Washington Nationals' record in winner-take-all playoff games prior to Tuesday night's win over the Brewers.

SOURCE: The Associated Press

Tuesday night.

"We started off horrible, as we all know, and we vowed that we wouldn't quit," Nationals manager Dave Martinez said, talking about the year as a whole but sounding like he could have meant this particular evening. "I told the boys, 'I promise you, stay with it, don't quit, this will turn around.' And it did. And here we are today."

The Nationals carry a nine-game winning streak into their best-of-five NL Division Series against the Dodgers, who had the National League's best record at 106-56.

Game 1 is Thursday in Los Angeles, and some in the sellout crowd of 42,993 chanted "Beat LA! Beat LA!" as the Nationals began their celebration on the infield with family members.

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